

# CRAWFORD COUNTY AVALANCHE

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## Hanson Hoppers Park rises



Hanson Hills officials and volunteers expect to have the new Hanson Hoppers Park, located near the entrance of the recreational facility, completed and ready to play on by Monday. Above, an engineering unit from Camp Grayling helps volunteers and a prison crew from Camp Lehman put the roofs for the playground equipment into place. Below left, Justin Andre, the director for Hanson Hills, attaches a fixture to the playground as Grady Smith, a member of the Boy Scout Troop #995 looks on. Below right, Matt Dunckel and Corey Kiessel, also members of Boy Scout Troop #995, move a slide for the playground.



## Counties still on the hook for court attorney fees

by Dan Sanderson  
Staff Writer

Although Crawford and Kalkaska counties have prevailed in the eight-year legal battle with the 46th Circuit Trial Court, that reached the Michigan Supreme Court over paying for benefits for court employees, they are still on the hook for attorney fees for the losing side.

In April, Michigan Supreme Court Justices refused to hear an appeal on the payment of attorney fees regarding civil litigation that pitted Crawford and Kalkaska Counties against the 46th Circuit Trial Court and Otsego County. The 46th

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## Angel Food Ministries comes to Grayling

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A Grayling church is helping local residents stretch their food budgets by taking part in a national ministry.

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In 1994, Pastors Joe and Linda Wingo established Angel Food Ministries to help local families in Monroe, Ga., affected by the industrial plant closings. On their back porch, the first Angel Food distribution fed 34 families.

Over the next few years, other churches wanted to get involved

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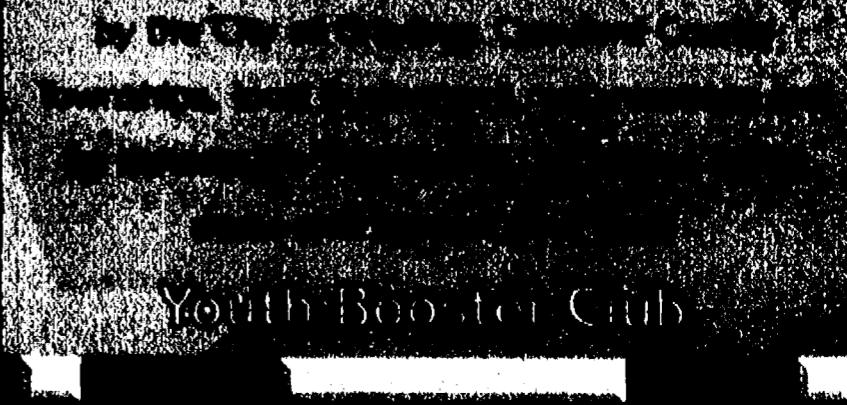


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Circuit Trial Court covers Crawford, Kalkaska and Otsego Counties. The 46th Circuit Trial Court sued Crawford and Kalkaska Counties, in December 2000, for refusing to allocate funds for enhanced pension benefits and retirement health care benefits, sought by the trial court's administration, for court employees.

Crawford and Kalkaska Counties disputed the benefits because officials said it would place unfunded liability for millions of dollars on the counties. Crawford and Kalkaska County officials filed a counter-claim against the court, alleging fraud for misrepresenting the costs of the benefits. A claim was also filed against Otsego County, accusing officials there of conspiring with the court by withholding information on the cost of the benefits.

Former 46th Circuit Trial Court Chief Judge Alton T. Davis issued a court order, forcing the counties to fund the benefit plans.

Davis was appointed to fill a vacancy on the Michigan Court of Appeals in July, 2005.

In July 2006, the Michigan Supreme Court ruled that the funding of enhanced pension benefits and retirement health care benefits, sought by the administration for the 46th Circuit Trial Court, were not reasonable and necessary to the serviceability of the court and that Crawford and Kalkaska counties were not contractually obligated to appropriate funds for the benefit plans. The Supreme Court also said the court's authority to demand

appropriations from the counties was limited to meeting critical judicial needs. The justices also said that the court had to pursue benefits through negotiations and bargaining with the county boards.

Payment of attorney fees, which have been projected to be over \$2 million, is the only unresolved issue in the dispute.

Since the Michigan Supreme Court's recent ruling, the parties in the lawsuit are awaiting a decision from former Kent County Circuit Judge Dennis Kolenda, who heard the initial case. Kolenda has previously said that counties have to pay their own attorney fees as well as the attorney fees accrued by the court to wage the legal battle. In addition, Kolenda has vowed to impose an additional legal penalty on all three counties, making the counties pay an added 150 percent of the fees charged by the court's lawyers or an added 150 percent of the hours charged by lawyers representing the counties.

"The only thing that we know for sure is we have some sort of obligation, but we don't know what it is," Crawford County Administrator Paul Compo said.

Kolenda resigned his position as a Kent County circuit court judge to join a Grand Rapids law firm, but has retained jurisdiction over the case. Attorneys for Crawford and Kalkaska Counties have asked Kolenda to recuse himself from the case, due to the potential conflict of interest, but he has refused.

Crawford County Commissioners claim that this is the first time in state or federal civil litigation that a non-prevailing party has been ordered to pay the losing side's attorney fees.

"We've done our homework, and to the best of our knowledge, that has never happened," said Dave Stephenson, chairman of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners. "We won the nuts and bolts of the case, but we're still paying for the court's attorney fees."

Patricia Morse, chief judge of the 46th Circuit Trial Court and an Otsego County district court judge, said that the Michigan Supreme Court sided with the

court on its attorney fees issue because the court has the right to be represented by lawyers for challenges over court operations.

"It preserves the third branch and the independence of the judiciary and our right to address the court over issues that may come up," Morse said. "We lost the inherit power argument over the right to the benefits at one level, but we still have the right to challenge those issues and we have a right to be represented in that challenge."

The only judicial remedy remaining for Crawford and Kalkaska counties in the dispute is to appeal the attorney fees ruling to the U.S. Supreme Court.

"Do we think we have a case? We do, but we can't keep spending the taxpayer's dollars defending ourselves," Stephenson said.

In light of the ruling, the Crawford County Board of Commissioners recently passed a resolution requesting that the Michigan Legislature take appropriate action to remove funding of the courts from the local units of government. The resolution asks that funding for the judicial branch of the Michigan government be appropriated to the Michigan Supreme Court. The Supreme Court would then accept the responsibility of funding all the lower court systems in the state. The resolution was endorsed by representatives from 16 northern Michigan counties.

The resolution says that local units of government have the responsibility to determine what services are and are not to be funded. This is based on the needs and expectations of the community, and the threat of having to pay attorney fees for lawsuits filed by the court could compromise those decisions.

The resolution further states that the travesty tears away the fabric of the independent branches of government and still allows the judicial branch of government, especially at the local level, to hold the funding unit hostage with the threat of the cost of a lawsuit with no accountability for their own actions.

"The way it's left, the court

can file suit against the counties again, and it will just end up racking up more cost," Compo said.

Crawford County Commissioners had the resolution sent to state lawmakers representing the area. Crawford County Commissioner Rick Anderson wanted the resolution sent even further, to all federal lawmakers, U.S. Supreme Court justices and even President George W. Bush.

"I would like everyone that has any affiliation with the purse strings to be aware of what has occurred in Crawford County," Anderson said.

Morse said that the state has assumed funding for some court systems in southeast Michigan, but does not believe it is feasible for the state to fund all court systems.

"It's an awkward position for some smaller counties where there are different politics, different boards of commissioners and issues to deal with," Morse said. "It seems like a state function, but right now with the state's economic crisis, I don't expect that to happen and I don't expect to see that change right away."

The 46th Circuit Trial Court was formed in 1998 as a pilot project by the Michigan Supreme Court which Davis agreed to spearhead. The project combined all probate, district and circuit court functions under one umbrella. The courts attempted to operate under one consolidated budget and form policies for all employees in the three counties.

In recent years, legislation has been passed to separate the probate and district courts for each of the three counties, leaving the circuit court function as the only consolidated arrangement between the parties. The counties retain jurisdiction over the employees assigned to the individual counties and the budgets for their salaries and benefits.

Both Stephenson and Morse said the working relationship between the court and the counties has improved in recent years despite the past legal squabbles.

"It's running the way it should have run," Stephenson said.

## Residents urged to lock vehicles

Grayling City police are advising people to lock their cars to prevent theft.

Last week, Grayling City Police Chief Karl Schreiner said that the police received numerous complaints regarding thefts of property from motor vehicles.

Items taken range from being inexpensive to being very valuable, Schreiner said.

City residents were urged to lock their vehicles when they are not being used.

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# Angel Food Ministries comes to Grayling

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and Angel Food Ministries began feeding hundreds of families across the southeast. Now, Angel Food Ministries feeds over 500,000 families a month in 35 states.

Angel Food Ministries purchases large volumes of food from distributors, then offers the food in regular boxes or special boxes.

The regular boxes for Angel Food Ministries, for July for example, include 17 items such as boneless pork filets, beef ribs, vegetables, pasta, eggs and a dessert item. The regular box sells for \$30. Special boxes offered in July include an assorted meat grill box, a steak and chicken combo box, a breaded chicken breast tender box and a fresh fruit and vegetable box. Prices for the special boxes range from \$16 for the fruit and vegetables to \$20 for the boxes containing meat. A consumer can purchase one or more of the special boxes if they purchase a regular unit offered for the month.

Grayling Free Methodist Church Pastor Rick Secord said that church members have been considering becoming an Angel Food Ministries host site for the

last several months. He asked Janet Gildner, a congregation member, to head up a committee of volunteers to establish the church as a host site.

"The church just wants to be involved in the community and do what we can to help people make life better for themselves," Secord said.

Although Angel Food Ministries donates \$1 for each box of food sold to the host sites, Gildner said that promoting the church's mission and helping the community is the overall goal of the program.

"During these hard economic times and foreclosures, we felt that the program would be beneficial to help the community stretch their food dollars," Gildner said.

On Saturday, the Grayling Free Methodist church held its first Angel Food Ministries food distribution as a host site and filled nearly a dozen orders. In the previous two months, the Houghton Lake Wesleyan Church served as sponsor church for the program. The Gaylord Church of the Nazarene also operates a host site.

"It's usually done at a church site and we thought this was a

good ministry for the church to take on," Gildner said.

One of the goals of the Angel Food Ministries is to offer the food at a discount so people can have money for rent, bills, medical bills and other expenses. Secord said that Angel Food Ministries started to give the food away, but consumers wanted to pay something for what they received.

"They had a sense of pride about them," he said.

A host site that has 900 orders can have a semi tractor trailer deliver the food to the host site. Food ordered in Houghton Lake and Grayling is brought to a host site in West Branch.

Volunteers help cut the cost of the program and the food.

"Everything is all volunteer all the way down to Georgia," Secord said.

Pre-orders for the goods are being taken as consumers pick up their food for the month. Orders can also be called in and people can drop their payments off or mail their payments to the church. Michigan Bridge Cards, debit cards distributed by the Department of Human Services to provide government assistance to families, can also be used to

purchase the food.

Boxes of food can be purchased and reserved for a family in need, and there are also special gift boxes for the holidays, Gildner said.

Michelle and Gary Eagly moved to Grayling last October and utilized Angel Food Ministries in Saginaw for about a year before moving to the community.

Gary Eagly said that the service has helped stock their pantry, freezer and refrigerator while cutting the family food bill. He said the food is the same or better quality than store brand items available at local grocery stores and helps cut gas prices while shopping for food.

"It helps that it is local, because you can go to the church to pick it up rather than driving all the way to Gaylord or Traverse City," said Eagly, who is a truck driver.

At the same time, the program allows church volunteers and consumers to grow in their faith.

"It's a very helpful program - not only for the food - but it helps the church's ministry to grow and flourish - which is what this nation needs right now," Eagly said.

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## Senior housing project approved by city planners

by Dan Sanderson  
Staff Writer

Developers of a 20-bed assisted living home for seniors, which will be located on the southeast side of the community, plan to break ground for the facility in September.

Grayling City Planners approved the Horizon Senior Living home in May. The home will be located on MaryAnn Street, between Knight Street and Madsen Street.

Horizon Senior Living has similar facilities in Clare and St. Helen. Additional homes are being planned for Cadillac, Caro, Standish and West Branch. The company is part of the DeShano Companies of Gladwin, a construction firm that has developed several subdivisions and other projects in mid-Michigan.

The assisted senior living facility's goal is to assist residents in maintaining their current level of physical and mental functioning or to improve their physical and mental functioning through activities, proper nutrition and a well managed medication schedule.

"We try to bridge the gap for seniors who cannot live at home anymore, but don't need the level of care offered in a nursing home," said Erin Schuler, the administrator for Horizon Senior Living.

The facility will employ eight to 10 people. The facility will have a chef to provide meals and snacks as well as an activities coordinator. The staff will provide transportation to doctor's appointments, churches and other activities.

The cost to live in the home is based on the level of care that the clients need.

The Grayling City Council has agreed to obtain engineering estimates on what it will cost to extend water and sewer services to the senior home. Grayling City Manager David Thayer said water and sewer upgrades will improve the overall operation of municipal services for that area of the community.

Thayer said that developers saw the need for the project in the community, which does not include any state or federal housing tax abatements or subsidies.

Thayer said that the city's master plan, a document used to

guide growth and development in the community, calls for more senior housing in the community and multi-density housing in the neighborhood where the development will be located.

"The project falls hand and hand with the master plan and is a perfect fit for that area," Thayer said.

## Man tasered after pointing gun at police

A 52-year-old South Branch Township man was scheduled to undergo a mental health evaluation after he pointed a gun at police officers on Tuesday.

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield said that Crawford County Deputies went to a residence in South Branch Township to pick up a man on a mental health order around 7:30 p.m. on Monday, June 30. A mental health order is a court order signed by a judge which allows police to transport a person to a mental health facility or hospital for treatment, Wakefield said.

When contact was made between the deputies and the man, he retreated into his residence and refused to communicate with deputies. Before contacting the subject, information was obtained that the man had made numerous threats to harm both himself and others. Information gathered identified the subject as a 52 year-old

South Branch Township man with a history of mental health issues. A relative told deputies that the subject did have at least one shotgun in the residence.

Deputies at the residence made continuous efforts to communicate with the man with no positive results. At approximately midnight, officers from the Northern Michigan Mutual Aid SWAT team made a tactical entry through the front of the residence. When contact was made with the man, he pointed a shotgun at the officers and refused to

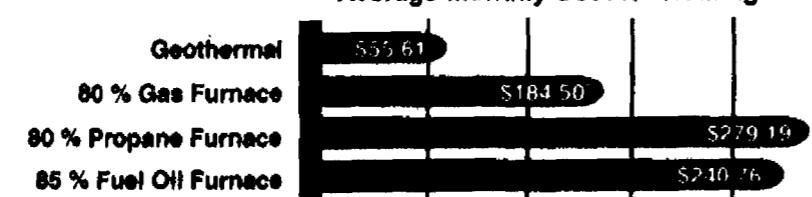
comply with their commands. The man was tasered and taken into custody.

The man was checked by South Branch Township EMS, treated and released to the custody of the sheriff's office where he was lodged pending a Community Mental Health review.

Additional agencies assisting the Crawford County Sheriff's Office included the Roscommon County Sheriff's Office and Houghton Lake Post of the Michigan State Police.

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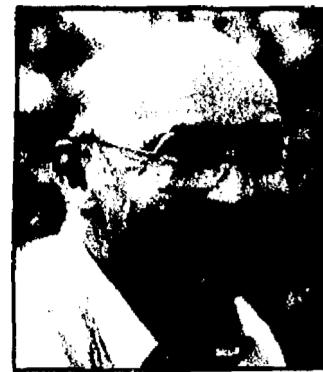
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# OPINIONS



## ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

### On Independence Day, cherish our rights

**(WRITER'S NOTE: A version of this essay first appeared in the Almanack several years ago, and the sentiments and concerns apply today as well.)**

AT THE RISK of casting a cloud over the usual carefree Fourth of July picnics and vacation activities, let's pause this week to consider some of the reasons we celebrate Independence Day in this country.

Our United States Constitution is a remarkable document. The rights and protections it grants to us as citizens have helped make our experimental system of self-government work effectively for more than 200 years, and become a beacon for the world.

One reason is The First Amendment, which says:

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the

press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

And that's it in the famous First Amendment — freedom of religion, freedom of speech, the right of people to assemble peaceably, and the right to ask government to fix what's wrong.

The next nine original Amendments also cover other basic rights granted to American citizens, and together the first 10 amendments form the cherished Bill of Rights of the American Constitution.

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THAT'S WHY IT is disturbing to realize that many Americans seem to be losing faith in the First Amendment.

A poll conducted a few years ago by the First Amendment Center reported that almost 40 percent of Americans think the First Amendment goes too far in

the rights it guarantees to people. The level of discontent may be even higher today.

And which of these First Amendment rights goes too far?

Certainly it's not the free exercise of religious expression — although some critics would argue that court decisions repeatedly have produced that exact effect.

By ruling that public facilities and public funds may not be connected with any expressions of specific religions, even generic ones, the argument goes, the courts have indeed created a climate and specific situations that "prohibit the free exercise" of religion.

The right of people "peaceably to assemble" and to "petition the government for a redress of grievances" certainly are not under attack.

The only question seems to be interpretations of what is "peace-

able assembly." Otherwise, this portion of the First Amendment appears to command pretty solid public support.

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NO, MOST CRITICS who want government to install restraints on the First Amendment rights aim directly at the right of free speech and the right of a free press.

According to the poll cited above, seven in 10 Americans think it is important for the government to "hold the media in check." One defender of press freedom remarked at the time: "Americans respect the principles of free speech, but are often troubled by their practice."

Concerns about the media running amok often intensify during political campaigns and elections.

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FROM A BROADER perspective, the media have changed

more and more from the basic role of dissemination of information and opinion to one of competitive entertainment.

Conglomerate ownership of a variety of media outlets also has further complicated modern perceptions.

And with scientific advances in the internet and instant global communication, the availability and dissemination of information have taken forms and nuances and have created problems not even conceived until recent years, and completely unforeseen when the American Constitution was written.

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THE MUCH SIMPLER "press" of 1776 certainly is far different than the complicated media of today. However, the principles of freedom are the same.

Government control of "the press" and public communication

must be resisted, regardless of the passion of the moment, as indicated by opinion polling.

History tells us that the first steps in developing totalitarianism and forcing virtual slavery upon the citizenry are shackling religion, denying free assembly, and choking off the free flow of information.

A free and unbridled press — meaning access to information and knowledge for everyone — is essential.

Let's take a few minutes to think about these things sometime during our Independence Day holiday observance.

Those Founding Fathers knew what they were doing.

# # #

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## What Do You Think?

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**Skeptic wrote on June 23 (regarding proposed theme park):** "Actually, (the theme park) has done virtually nothing the DNR has asked. He was asked to provide environmental assessments — he didn't. He was asked to provide financial assurances — he didn't. He was asked to provide a detailed business plan — he didn't. All he has provided are promises, and as of yet, he hasn't come through."

**Joe wrote on June 24 (regarding proposed theme park):** "Northern Michigan has lost all hope. If you don't believe that, look at our schools. We are losing a lot of kids every year. Let's stick together and be positive. (The theme park is) on the agenda, it is now time for the developer to put up or shut up."

**Phil wrote on June 25 (regarding proposed theme park):** "Take a look south to Auburn Hills, there you will find leaders in new industries thriving, growing, researching, developing. This is what you need in Grayling — TECHNOLOGY. Get rid of the Crosson scheme now and look to your local kids, teachers, educators. The time to grow Grayling is NOW, let's build for tomorrow's technology today. All roads lead to Grayling!"

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## WASHINGTON NOTES

By Carl Levin, U.S. Senator (D-Michigan)

### Extending unemployment insurance in an economic storm

Congress just made significant progress on an issue of particular importance to Michigan: extending unemployment insurance benefits. I strongly supported and worked for this extension and the assistance it will provide to Americans who are struggling to find jobs. Each month, on average, 13,000 more Michigan workers face this same difficult circumstance.

Unemployment insurance is intended to provide temporary help to workers who lose their jobs, in the form of up to 26 weeks of safety net compensation. The idea is to provide workers with enough money to cover basic expenses while they are looking for employment and at the same time to stimulate the economy when there is a downturn.

Since January 2001, Michigan has suffered significant job losses, and the state's unemployment rate has increased from 4.5 percent to 8.5 percent in May of this year. The nation's unemployment rate

jumped to 5.5 percent in May from 5 percent in April — the biggest jump in one month in 22 years. From May 2007 to May of this year, over 171,000 Michigan workers exhausted their unemployment benefits and could not find jobs. Each month, on average, 13,000 more Michigan workers face this same difficult circumstance.

When the economy is suffering and unemployment is high, Congress has in previous down times recognized that 26 weeks is not enough time for many workers to find a new job. In the past 30 years, Congress has acted three times to establish temporary extended unemployment benefits, each time during a recession.

Currently, the number of Americans struggling to get by without a job is higher than it was the last time Congress extended unemployment insurance benefits in 2002.

Extending unemployment benefits is also a highly effective form of economic stimulus for the country as a whole. Indeed, studies indicate that extending unemployment insurance during tough times is one of the most effective ways to stimulate the economy, dollar for dollar. Workers who receive these unemployment benefits are likely to spend them quickly, making this one of the fastest ways to infuse money into our economy in the short term.

The unemployed face tremendous economic pressures. Since President Bush took office, the price of health insurance is up 44 percent, the price of college tuition is up 47 percent and the price of gas is up 95 percent. The rate of home foreclosures is up a shocking 130 percent since 2006.

According to a study by a prominent Harvard Law School professor, between 2000 and 2006 the median household income fell by \$1,175, adjusted for inflation. Lower income paired with

increased costs for basic expenses — including mortgage payments, gas, food, phone bills, household appliances, and health insurance — means those median income families are facing about a \$5,700 reduction in purchasing power from just eight years ago.

Unfortunately, the economic challenges that Michigan and the entire nation are facing are unlikely to end soon. We need a comprehensive manufacturing plan, like the American Manufacturing Initiative that I, along with other Michigan Democrats in Congress and the Governor, have proposed to level the playing field in manufacturing for our workers and businesses, and to ensure that American jobs do not fall victim to unfair trade agreements. I will continue to fight for these important measures, as well as for further economic stimulus and extensions of unemployment benefits to help Michigan weather this economic storm.

Carl Levin is the senior U.S. Senator from Michigan.

## Letters to the Editor

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The Crawford County Avalanche will be closed Friday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day and will reopen at 9 am, Monday, July 7th.

**Early deadlines will apply for the July 10th issue: Display Ads...**

**Thurs., July 3rd • 5 pm**

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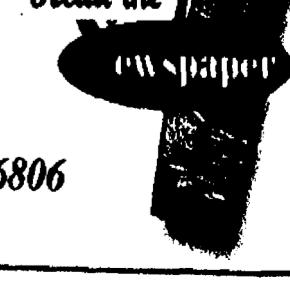
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# BRIEFS

## Crawford County Democrats to meet

The Crawford County Democrats will gather for their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, July 10, at 7 p.m., at the Crawford County Courthouse.

## Church to hold grief support session

Bear Lake Christian Church, Kalkaska, is starting a new grief support session on Thursday, July 3, at 7 p.m. There is no charge for these sessions. Register by calling 231-258-6107.

## MSU Extension has free fruit samples

The Crawford County MSU Extension invites you to visit them in the basement of the county building, to receive information on "Growing Your Kids with Fruits and Vegetables." Free fruit and vegetable samples and free gifts are available Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. For more information, call 344-3264.

## Community calendar available online

The Crawford County Avalanche has a community calendar on their new web site. To view area happenings, or to be considered for publication of your event, go to [crawfordcountyavalanche.com](http://crawfordcountyavalanche.com), click on community and go to the community calendar.

## Unemployment insurance agency to mail applications for federal emergency unemployment compensation

Michigan's Unemployment Insurance Agency will begin mailing applications next week to jobless workers who may qualify for the newly authorized 13 weeks of federally extended unemployment benefits.

"We are identifying those who have benefit years ending after May 1, 2007, and have exhausted their state unemployment benefits. This is the target group for the Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC) program. UIA will be mailing these individuals applications and filing instructions," Keith Cooley, director of the Department of Labor & Economic Growth, said today.

UIA expects next week's mailing will reach an estimated 230,000 unemployed workers.

In the meantime, Chris Peretto, acting UIA director, urged jobless workers not to call the agency to inquire about their eligibility for these federal EUC benefits, as all potentially eligible unemployed

workers will be notified by mail and instructed on how to apply for these federal benefits. In addition, unemployed workers who are receiving regular unemployment benefits will be mailed the same instructions and application as they near the end of their regular state unemployment benefits.

The week of July 6-12 will be the first week for which benefits can be paid. UIA expects to begin issuing EUC payments during the week of July 20-26. Unemployment benefits are typically issued for two-week periods after workers certify that they were unemployed and met eligibility requirements for the two weeks.

The EUC program provides up to 13 weeks of federally-funded unemployment benefits to workers who exhaust their state unemployment claims. President Bush today signed the authorizing legislation for EUC.

## Summer concert to be held at the Roscommon CRAF Center

The Banjo Picker and Friends will be performing at the Gazebo on the CRAF Center lawn in Roscommon on July 9, at 7 p.m. The trio is a family performing a mix of happy, clean, high spirited bluegrass, old country, folk and western swing music.

The group is comprised of Barry Van Guilder, his daughter Rachel Kanakis and his son Andy Van Guilder. Barry has performed all over Michigan, the Ohio National Bluegrass Festival, the Bean Blossom Bluegrass Festival in Indiana and the

Nashville Bluegrass Festival. His daughter and son have performed in various musical groups playing a variety of instruments and styles. They have written, and or recorded, close to 50 songs and instrumentals.

The concert is free to the public and is supported by the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, Kirtland Community College Foundation and area businesses. In case of inclement weather, the concert will be held in the CRAF Center gymnasium.

## Boating safety school offered

Deputies Jason Alexander and John Klepadlo of the Crawford County Sheriff's Office will conduct a complimentary Boating Safety School on Saturday, July 12. The class will take place at the Grayling Fire Department, 1041 City Blvd., from 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Participants should be at least 12 years of age.

Upon completion of the school, participants will receive a Michigan Boating Safety School Certificate. Under state law, all persons born after December 31, 1979, need boating safety certificate to legally operate a personal watercraft.

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## Hartwick Pines Logging Museum celebrates a 19th Century Independence Day

The Hartwick Pines Logging Museum will be offering several activities and programs to celebrate the Independence Day holiday similar to how our nation's birthday was celebrated in the 1800s. Events will take place on July 4, 5, and 6 at the Logging Museum at Hartwick Pines State Park.

A traditional activity in the 19th century, to celebrate the birth of the United States as an independent nation from Great Britain, was the reading of the Declaration of Independence. Historian Rob Burg will read the Declaration of Independence at 2 p.m., Friday, July 4, to the assembled visitors.

Other activities of the day will include a log sawing contest, in the spirit of the old lumberjack competitions, children's games and flag making. Most of these activities will be on going from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

On July 5, entertainer and educator Michael Deren returns to Hartwick Pines for his annual "Past in Person" program of the Michigan Lumberjack at 7 p.m. at the Logging Museum. In the event of inclement weather, the program will be at the Visitor Center. This popular program is always entertaining and will include music, songs, dances, stories and a lot of visitor participation.

The Fourth of July holiday will end with an exhibition match of "Vintage Base Ball" at the park's picnic area on Sunday, July 6, at 1 p.m. Baseball has been our national pastime for more than

## Secretary of State offices to be closed for the 4th of July

All branch offices and the Office of the Great Seal will be closed on Friday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day. Secretary of State SUPER! Centers normally offer Saturday hours, but will be closed on Saturday, July 5.

The Department of State mails notices to motorists 45 days before their driver's license or license plates expire to give them ample time to renew. Licenses and plates that expire on a day when state offices are closed, such as a holiday or weekend, can be renewed the following day without penalty.

Motorists renewing license plates can "skip the trip" to the branch office and do business by mail, or if eligible, by Internet or

touch-tone telephone. Easy to follow instructions can be found with the renewal notice. License plate tabs will arrive by mail within seven business days.

With the exception of holidays, branch offices are open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Smaller branch offices may close for the lunch hour. On Wednesday most offices are open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., with those in city centers open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. PLUS offices and SUPER! Centers are open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Wednesday. SUPER! Centers also provide Saturday hours from 9 a.m. to noon.

For more information, visit the department Web site at [www.michigan.gov/sos](http://www.michigan.gov/sos).

## RAFFLE WINNERS

### Knights of Columbus

The winners of the Knights of Columbus Grill Raffle on June 15 were: Ed Lauth, Anne Sisk, Pat Kennedy, Jim Green, M. Rozicki, R.J. Hannan and Lawrence Stephan.

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The winner of the Grayling Lions Club Lucky 13 raffle for June 27 was Ruth O'Mara.

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Tuesday, July 8, 2008

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Friday, July 18, 2008

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\*Special event trips require: (1) a minimum of twenty-two passengers; and (2) that passengers less than 18 years of age be accompanied by a responsible adult.

To reserve seats or request information concerning special event trips call Julie @ 348-8215.

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# The Bible Speaks

## Is America Christian?

We quote a candidate for U.S. President in our 4th of July article to show the importance of the question raised by our title, Is America Christian? "Whatever we once were, we're no longer a Christian nation. At least not just. We are also a Jewish nation, a Muslim nation, and a Buddhist nation, and a Hindu nation, and a nation of non-believers." The context of the above quote appeared to be an attack upon the so-called Christian Right:

"Somehow, somewhere along the way, faith stopped being used to bring us together and started being used to drive us apart. It got hijacked. Part of it's because of the so-called leaders of the Christian Right, who've been all too eager to exploit what divides us." Who is exploitative and divisive?

The first four words quoted above imply uncertainty: "Whatever we once were..." The late President Woodrow Wilson once said, "A nation which does not remember what it was yesterday, does not know what it is today, nor what it is trying to do. We are trying to do a futile thing if we do not know where we came from or what we have been about." Were we really born a Judeo-Christian nation?

The rights paragraph of our Declaration of Independence of July 4, 1776 states: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." Our United States of America was born July 4, 1776, in declared harmony with "the Laws of nature and of Nature's God." This new "separate and equal station" of our nation was founded upon God-given "unalienable rights."

Any questions about the original intent of the words Thomas Jefferson drafted for the Declaration should be clear by his commentary recorded on the Jefferson Memorial in Washington, D.C.: "God who gave us life gave us liberty. And the liberties of a nation be thought secure when we have removed their only firm basis, a conviction in the minds of the people that these liberties are of the gift of God." John Adams, also a member of the original committee who drew up the Declaration wrote in a letter to Thomas Jefferson in 1813: "The general principles on which the fathers achieved independence were the general principles of Christianity!" Thomas Jefferson also wrote in a letter that same

year: "If ever there was a holy war, it was that which saved our liberties and gave us independence."

Benjamin Rush, another signer of the Declaration celebrating the anniversary of the Declaration and the newly ratified Constitution said: "I am as perfectly satisfied that the union of the states . . . is as much the work of divine providence as any of the miracles recorded in the Old and New Testament were the effects of a divine power." Rush remarked. "Tis done! We have become a nation."

Have we now also become, "...a Muslim nation, and a Buddhist nation, and a Hindu nation, and a nation of non-believers?" Name one nation of any other religion that dares to claim their origin rests upon God-given unalienable rights of life, liberty, and property? All people of all religions are being accepted here because we defend all religious liberty. But what other religious nation will accept Jews or Christians as equal citizens? And what other nations will accept Israel and America as equal nations? Pastor "B"

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**Babbitt, Brookes wed****Nicole Babbitt and Andrew Brookes**

Nicole Renae Babbitt and Andrew Patrick Brookes were married on June 7, 2008, at Bear Lake Christian Church.

Nicole is the daughter of Steve and Jean Babbitt of Grayling.

Andrea Groulx was the maid of honor. The bridesmaids were Sara Babbitt, Mary Racine and Kelly Nowak.

Andrew is the son of Eileen Ryan of Grayling and Bryon Brookes.

The best man was Dave Shepherd. The groomsmen were Mark Taylor, Steve Babbitt and Ian Andrus.

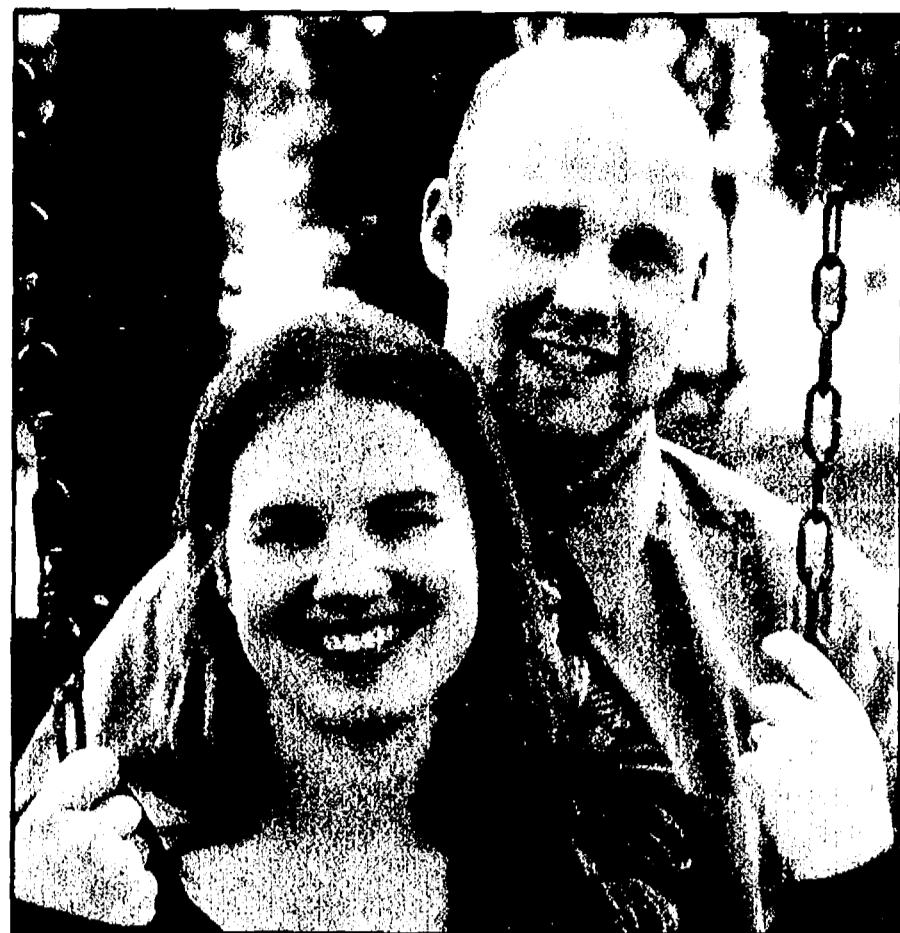
A reception followed the ceremony at the Officer's Club of Camp Grayling.

The bride is a 2007 graduate of the Mid Michigan radiology program. She currently works at Mercy Hospital, Grayling.

The groom is a 2008 graduate of the Kirtland Community College RN program. He is currently working in the ER at Mercy Hospital, Grayling.

The couple went to Florida for a Caribbean cruise on their honeymoon.

The couple resides in Grayling.

**Evans, Burton engaged****Jamie Evans and Robert Burton**

Jamie Evans and Robert Burton, both of Boonsboro, Md., announce their engagement.

Evans is the daughter of K. Lynne Reeves of Grayling. She is a 1996 graduate of Grayling High School and a 2001 graduate of Western Michigan University. She is employed by Wells Fargo.

**BIRTHS**

Amber Young and Ryan Stout, of Frederic, announce the birth of a daughter, Kayla Anne, born at Mercy Hospital on June 23, 2008, at 6:59 a.m., weighing 7 lbs., 4.5 ozs., and measuring 19 inches in length.

Raleigh Galvani, of Grayling, announces the birth of a daughter, Eryka Marie, born at Mercy Hospital on June 17, 2008, at 2:14 p.m., weighing 6 lbs., 11 ozs., and measuring 19 1/2 inches in length.

Brooke and Jim Laurent, of

Burton is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Burton of Port Republic, Md. He is a 1999 graduate of Calvert High School and a 2003 graduate of Salisbury University. He is employed at the National Museum of Civil War Medicine.

A September 13, 2008, wedding is planned in Port Republic, Md.

**LIBRARY NEWS**

"Catch the Reading Bug Story Hour" will be held at the Devereaux Memorial Library on Wednesday, July 9, at 11 a.m. Preschool age children will have stories, activities and a snack.

"The Great Bug Hunt," a field trip to Hartwick Pines, will be on Thursday, July 10, and will leave the Devereaux Memorial Library promptly at 12:45 p.m. A signed permission slip by a parent or guardian is required for this free program. The program is limited to the first 35 children to register. If you want to Catch the Reading Bug (bug nets included), call Jane at 348-9214 to see if sign up is still open.

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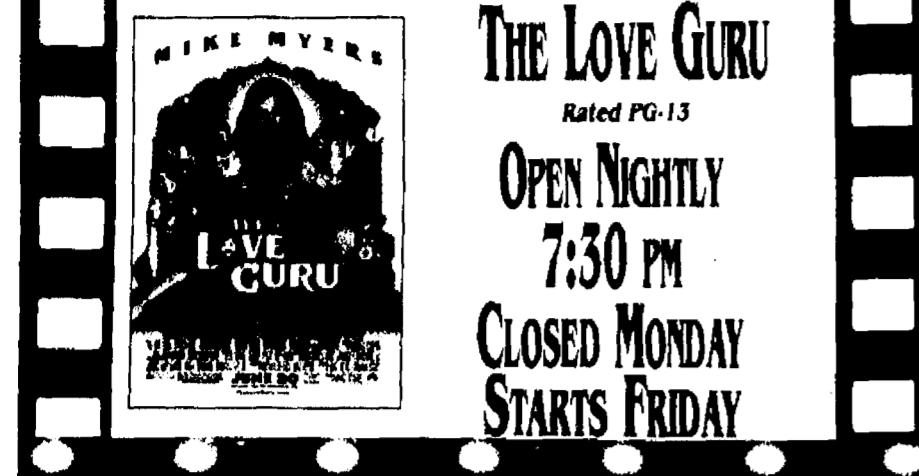
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# New Shoppenagon book available at museum

The Crawford County Historical Museum has announced the availability of a new book about Chief Shoppenagon that the museum is now selling.

Bill Tudor, a Roscommon author who became interested in Shoppenagon, wrote the book after researching information about the Native American. Tudor said he began his research after talking with the State of Michigan about the historical marker concerning Shoppenagon located along the AuSable River. Tudor said the state official told him they were unable to locate their files on Shoppenagon and had no further information.

The 148 page paperback book will be sold to museum members and the general public.

Steve Doyle, president of the Crawford County Historical Society, said sales of the book will help promote local history since the text includes a sizable amount of information about Grayling and the surrounding areas where Shoppenagon lived.

Interested residents can pick up their copy of the book for \$20, a price that includes funding for the museum.

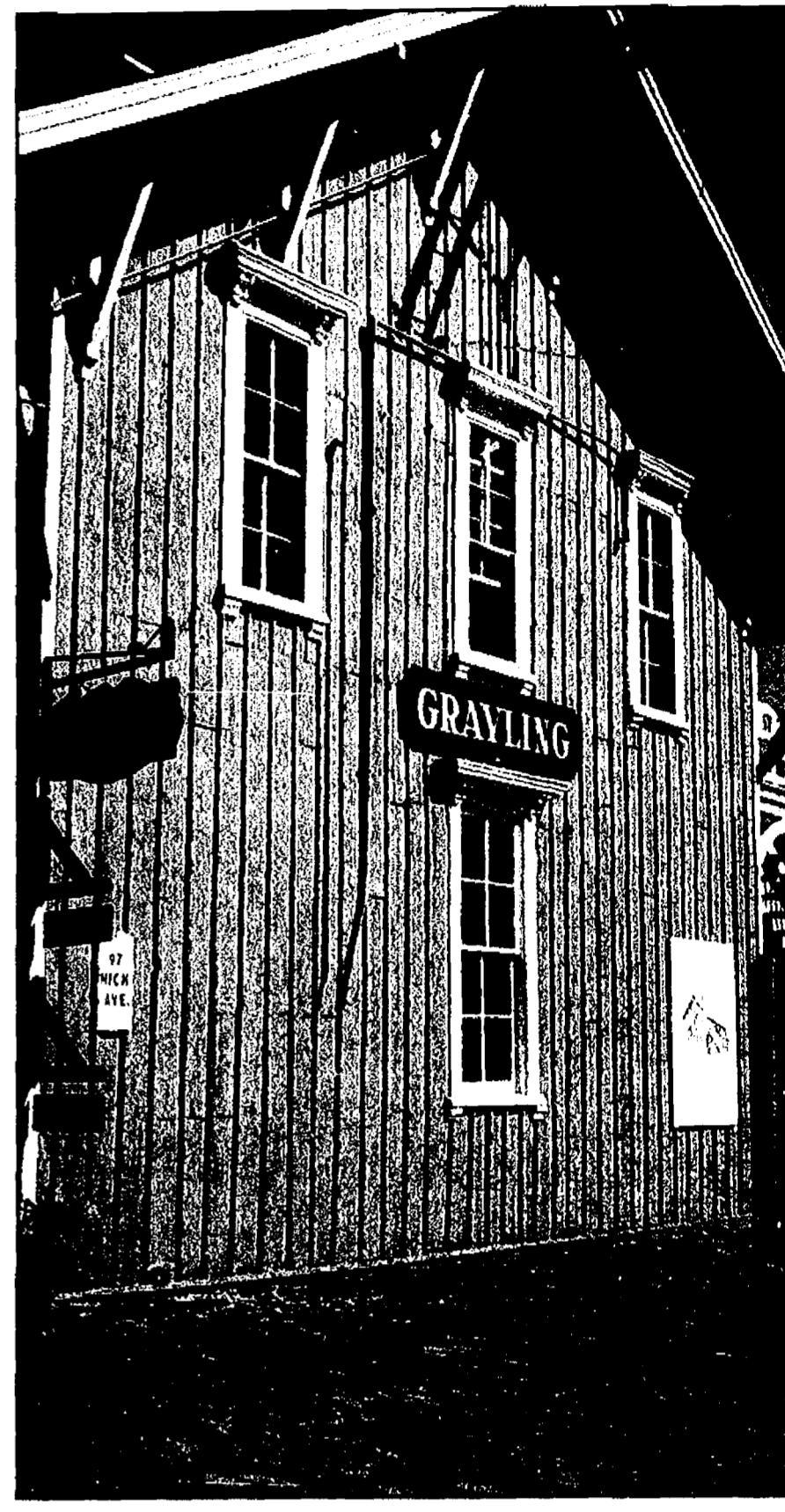
Doyle described the book as "a valuable addition to our local history that readers of every age can enjoy since the text covers both local and state history as context for the Shoppenagon story." The book provides new information about Shoppenagon that Tudor discovered from a

variety of sources.

David Shoppenagon was a Chippewa Indian who lived the last 35 years of his life in Grayling. He worked as a guide and a trapper and became well known throughout the area. He was reported to be over 100 years old when he died and he was noted for traveling all over the north woods while on hunting and fishing trips, despite his advanced age. The *Crawford County Avalanche* frequently reported on his activities and noted his successes in hunting. Shoppenagon also worked for the Salling-Hanson Lumber Co. by appearing with the lumbermen at various business functions and lending his image to their marketing efforts. Tudor said that archived copies of the *Avalanche* provided considerable material for his book and provided clues for other information about Shoppenagon that had never been reported before.

The Crawford County Historical Museum helped support the writing of the book by providing copies of photos and sharing information about some early Grayling residents.

The museum has opened for the summer tourist season and local residents are urged to stop in and see what changes have been made for 2008 visitors. Visitors who stop by to pick up their book may also view Shoppenagon relics that are housed at the museum as well as numerous other artifacts from early life in Grayling.



Crawford County Historical Museum

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Jorden Thomson, an 8th grade student in Corunna, was awarded a gold certificate from the President's Education Awards Program in recognition of outstanding academic excellence.

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Plan to be at Hartwick Pines State Park on Saturday, July 5, at 7 p.m., to see Michael Deren's very popular "Past in Person" program about Lumberjacks (or Shantyboys as they called themselves) in northern Michigan in the 1870s.

This highly entertaining program of music, song, and stories is sponsored by the Logging Museum at Hartwick Pines, a field site of the Michigan Historical Museum, and the friends of Hartwick Pines, and will take place at the amphitheater at the Logging Museum within the park, eight miles northeast of Grayling.

Journey into the past through the music, songs and tales of the

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Deren will portray a lumberjack from northern Michigan in the 1870s as he takes his audience back to the time when they were "cutting the big sticks." He will play the concertina, the fiddle, the hammer dulcimer, the bones, the button accordion, lumber toys and share songs and stories of life in the logging camps.

Deren's "Past in Person" program will be held at the Logging Museum at Hartwick Pines State Park. In the event of rain, the program will be at the Michigan

Forest Visitor Center. Hartwick Pines State Park is located on M-93 (Hartwick Pines Rd.), two miles east of I-75, exit 259.

There is no charge for this program, but a state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry

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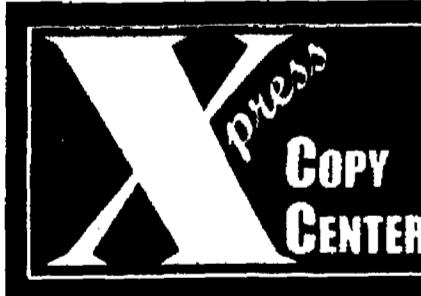
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## IRS launches summer push to reach retirees and disabled veterans

The Internal Revenue Service today announced a new summer campaign to reach non-traditional filers, those retirees and disabled veterans who qualify for the economic stimulus payment but have yet to claim it. New statistics released today indicate that nationwide approximately 5.2 million potential recipients have still not filed for their payment. In Michigan there are over 154,000 filers, or 27% of potential recipients, that have not filed to date.

For all taxpayers, the IRS has issued 76.5 million stimulus payments, totaling \$63.8 billion so far. The agency expects to issue 124 million payments to Americans by year's end. Eligible individuals are receiving up to \$600 (\$1,200 for married couples filing joint returns) plus \$300 for eligible children younger than 17.

"The IRS is very concerned that some of the people that could use this stimulus money the most are not taking the necessary steps to get it. We are going the extra

mile, pulling out all the stops, to help those remaining retirees and disabled veterans get their payments," said Luis D. Garcia, IRS Spokesperson in Michigan.

A special stimulus category includes recipients of certain benefits from Social Security and Veterans Affairs who do not normally have a requirement to file a tax return. However, these individuals must file a tax return before Oct. 15 this year to receive their economic stimulus payments. The IRS has accounted for 74 percent of Social Security and Veterans Affairs beneficiaries out of about 20 million initially identified as being potential stimulus recipients. All but 5.2 million of those have been accounted for as either having filed a return, having filed a joint return, or as not being eligible for a stimulus payment (for example, they were claimed as a dependent on another's return).

Garcia also stressed to retirees that receiving the stimulus payment should have no impact on their other federal benefits and it

is not taxable. Absent any other filing requirements, filing a tax return to receive a stimulus payment does not mean that retirees will have to start filing tax returns again.

The IRS is also working with partners, such as AARP, the National Council on Aging, United Way, National Disability Institute and others, to continue its extensive outreach efforts to the retiree and veteran communities through the summer. The IRS will take the lead in coordinating free tax preparation sessions at locations where these individuals live, work and socialize, such as senior housing, Veterans Affairs hospitals and assisted living facilities. The IRS also has six Taxpayer Assistance Centers operating throughout Michigan. These centers can provide assistance to retirees and veterans trying to receive their payments. A list for addresses and office hours can be found at "Contact My Local IRS Office" at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).

People not otherwise required

to file an income tax return should file Form 1040A with basic information to ensure they receive the economic stimulus payment. This information includes name, address, dependents if any, amount of qualifying income (which must be \$3,000 or more), direct deposit information and signatures. Forms 1040A and instructions are available at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).

Although your payment can be made by check, the IRS urges people to use direct deposit to ensure a speedy delivery.

The types of Social Security benefits that are considered qualifying income include retirement, disability and survivor payments. Supplemental Security Income (SSI) is not qualifying income. The types of Veterans Affairs benefits that are considered qualifying income include disability compensation, disability pension and survivor payments. Qualifying Railroad Retirement payments include the social security equivalent portion of Tier 1 benefits.

## Secretary Land restricts cell phone use by teen drivers if it factors in violation

Teen drivers, whose cell phone use contributes to a traffic crash or ticket, may be prohibited from using a phone behind the wheel under a probationary licensing restriction announced by Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land.

"Most drivers understand the responsibility of getting behind the wheel and avoiding risky distractions like cell phone use, Land said. Unfortunately, not everyone gets the message. Many traffic mishaps involving inexperienced drivers also involve cell phones. Education and parental involvement remain the most effective means for impressing good driving skills upon teens. However,

the restriction may be imposed on teens when it is determined that the cell phone use played a role in a negligent crash or a traffic violation. It applies to probationary drivers who are 14 years and 9 months old to age 19.

Teen drivers under probation, who have tickets or crashes on their records, face a re-examination which could result in a license restriction, suspension or both. Such action would delay the teen's advancement in the Graduated Driver Licensing (GDL) program. Re-examina-

tions are personal interviews with the driver conducted by Department of State examiners.

All new drivers, including teens in GDL, are on probation for at least three years. The probationary period allows the department to monitor driving performance and impose any necessary licensing controls to promote safe driving habits.

During the last 10 months of probation, any tickets, at fault-crashes or license suspensions extend the probationary period until the teen completes 10 consecutive months of violation-free driving.

Young drivers with unsatisfactory records will continue to be under probation until they demonstrate safe skills, even if they no longer are in GDL.

Nearly 12,900 probationary drivers were scheduled for re-examination in 2007, though Land pointed out that the number is a small percentage of Michigan's 7.1 million licensed drivers.

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Seven athletes from Crawford County participated in this year's Michigan Special Olympics Summer Games, which were recently held at Central Michigan University in Mt. Pleasant. Above, Cody Riness competes in the 25 meter wheelchair race in which he ended up earning a silver medal.

## Athletes compete in Special Olympics games

Seven athletes from Crawford County participated in this year's Michigan Special Olympics Summer Games.

The local athletes joined 3,000 others from around the state for the competition, which took place at Central Michigan University in Mt. Pleasant.

In the swimming competition, Brianna Farningham led her teammates by winning a silver and a bronze medal in the assisted swimming events. Desi Felver earned a bronze medal in the 25 meter freestyle race and Danielle Stevenson captured a

bronze medal in the 50 meter freestyle race. The swimmers had previously competed at the Upper Peninsula swimming championships at Lake Superior State University to prepare for the event.

Cody Riness came home with three silver medals from the statewide competition. He won medals in the 25 meter wheelchair race, the 30 meter slalom and the softball throw.

The Northland Eagles finished second place in Division Two of the volleyball competition. The squad opened the event with a

semifinal win over Alpena. In the championship game, the locals split the first four sets with Bay City, but fell in the

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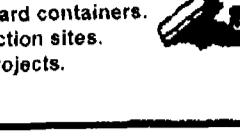
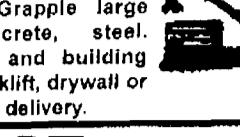
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## MDOT suspends most road work for Fourth of July weekend

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is removing lane restrictions on over 70 percent of Michigan's \$1.3 billion road and bridge program over the Fourth of July holiday weekend. Beginning at 3 p.m., Thursday, July 3, and continuing through 6 a.m., Monday, July 7, 100 of 141 projects statewide will have lane restrictions removed. This move will make travel easier for the 1.1 million motorists that AAA Michigan estimates will travel over the long holiday weekend.

"With high gas prices, many Michiganans may choose to enjoy recreational opportunities close to home," said MDOT Director Kirk T. Steudle. "Wherever they spend the holiday, we encourage motorists to be attentive behind the wheel, make sure everyone in the vehicle is buckled up and drive cautiously through work zones."

MDOT is responsible for nearly 10,000 miles of state highways, which carry approximately 80 percent of all motor vehicle travel in Michigan.

Beginning Wednesday, July 2, motorists are advised that I-75 at the Zilwaukee Bridge near Saginaw will have northbound traffic shifted to southbound lanes. Southbound I-75 traffic will be detoured to I-675 then

back to I-75. On Saturday, July 5, northbound lanes across the Zilwaukee Bridge will be closed, with traffic detoured to I-675 and back to I-75. Southbound I-75 lanes will be open to traffic. MDOT encourages motorists traveling on I-75 through Saginaw County to use alternate routes.

For travel to and from the Upper Peninsula, northwest, west and northeast regions, including the Sunrise Side, Gaylord, Grand Traverse, Petoskey, Cadillac and Ludington areas, motorists are advised to use US-127.

MDOT is advising motorists to consider one of the following alternate routes: Lansing to the east side of the state, take US-127 north to M-20 east, to US-10 east, to I-75 (north of the Z bridge); Brighton area, take US-23 north to I-96 west, to M-52 north, to I-69 west to US-127; Ohio/Detroit area, take US-23 north, to I-94 west, to US-127.

Lansing traffic headed to the west side of the state should use US-131 or US-31 to avoid the extra traffic on US-127.

Check the department's MI Drive Web site before planning your route. Click the "MDOT Halts Most Work for Holiday" notice on the Web site at [www.michigan.gov/drive](http://www.michigan.gov/drive) for holiday travel information.

### Forest service proposes recreation fee increases

The Huron-Manistee National Forest operates and maintains 174 developed recreation sites in the lower peninsula of Michigan. The sites include campgrounds, horse camps, group camps, river access sites, picnic sites, beaches, overlooks, interpretive sites and trailheads. Under the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (REIA), the Forest Service may charge recreation use fees at developed sites.

In this proposal, fee increases will be applied to 66 developed recreation sites currently charging fees. New fees will be charged at 11 sites and 69 sites will continue to have no fees charged. Concession Special Use Permit holders operate and charge fees at 28 additional sites. Proposed fee increases will be \$5 for daily passes, \$15 for weekly passes, \$30 for annual passes, \$45 for household (two) passes, \$5 for standard amenity day-use sites, \$10 or \$15 for expanded amenity campgrounds depending on the development level and the number of amenities available. Guided tours will be \$10 per adult and developed recreation sites.

opened group site fees for up to 50 people will be \$40.

Why is the Forest Service proposing to increase fees? Currently, the Huron-Manistee National Forest's fees are 40 percent to 70 percent less than private businesses. Increases will bring the Forest Service fee in line with other providers of developed recreation. The new or increased fees will be used at the sites to maintain and operate the developed recreation sites and continue services. The consequence of not increasing fees will be reduced operating seasons and services at developed recreation sites.

For additional information, visit our Web site at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/hmnf/index.shtml> or by request from the Forest Service Supervisor's Office in Cadillac. Send your comments by Aug. 25, 2008, to the Huron-Manistee National Forest, Recreation Program Manager, 1755 S. Mitchell Street, Cadillac, MI 49601. To comment online, e-mail [r9\\_hmnf\\_website@fs.fed.us](mailto:r9_hmnf_website@fs.fed.us) with a subject line of ATTN Recreation Manager Re Fee Increase. Questions related to this topic may be directed to Carol Boll or Rose Ingram at 231-775-2421, 1-800-821-6263 or TTY 231-775-3183.

## 1.5 million Michiganans have July 4 travel plans

Ohio, Mackinac City, Yellowstone National Park, Wyo., Toronto, Ontario, Canada and Traverse City.

For the first time, two Michigan destinations have been ranked in the Top 10, signifying that more state residents are traveling in Michigan, staying closer to home. Tourism in Michigan is a \$15-billion-a-year industry, and the state remains one of the best travel values. According to the 2008 edition of AAA's Annual Vacation Costs Survey, the recommended travel budget for two adults traveling together in Michigan is \$211.19 per day for lodging and meals -- \$33 less than the national average of \$244 per day.

This year, the official 78-hour Independence Day holiday period begins at 6 p.m. Thursday, July 3, and ends at 11:59 p.m. Sunday, July 6.

During last year's 30-hour July Fourth holiday period, four people died in four fatal crashes on roads across the state. Two (50 percent) of last year's deaths were alcohol-related. Of the four occupants killed, only one (25 percent) was wearing his or her safety belt.

This year, Michigan law enforcement agencies will focus extra attention on unbuckled motorists to make this the safest Independence Day on record. The Auto Club advises motorists to plan ahead and allow extra time to navigate construction areas on the state's highways.

For traffic and detour information, motorists can call 1-800-411-4823. Or, before leaving, check the AAA Michigan Web site, [www.aaatrafic.com](http://www.aaatrafic.com), for updated traffic information.

## Secretary of State offering Iraq, Afghanistan service plates

The Secretary of State will offer Michigan veterans and their families an opportunity to show pride in their selfless service in Iraq and Afghanistan, with new veteran license plates beginning June 30.

"As we approach the Fourth of July holiday and think of our country's history, let us also remember the men and women who have bravely served their nation in uniform," said Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land. "I'm pleased we now offer Iraq and Afghanistan veterans the opportunity to recognize their service with these plates."

Michigan offers its veterans 25 plates, that highlight their service.

in the military and in individual wars and conflicts such as World War II, the Vietnam War and the Somalia conflict. The department also now allows people to personalize their veteran plates.

Honorably discharged veterans and their spouses are eligible for plates signifying the branch of service, or war or conflict in which they served. Active duty personnel and spouses are eligible for plates signifying service in a war or conflict. Other plates, that recognize Medal of Honor recipients, disabled veterans, combat-wounded veterans, former prisoners of war and Pearl Harbor survivors, require additional documentation.

The cost for a veteran plate is the annual registration fee for the vehicle plus a one-time \$5 service fee for the standard white plate or a one-time \$10 service fee for the Spectacular Peninsulas graphic plate. Personalizing a license plate costs an additional \$30 if bought when the vehicle's existing plate is due to be renewed. Renewing a personalized plate costs an added \$15 each year.

Potential personalized plate buyers can visit the Secretary of State "Plate It Your Way" Web page to check if a plate configuration is available. In addition to veteran plates, people also can personalize the standard white, the Spectacular Peninsulas graphic, and the university and special cause fund-raising plates. The "Plate It Your Way" page will include the veteran plates beginning Monday.

For more information about Secretary of State license plate options, visit the License Plate Store online at [www.michigan.gov/sos](http://www.michigan.gov/sos).

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# Crawford County hunter's education instructor honored

by Dan Sanderson  
Staff Writer

A Crawford County hunter's education instructor, who strives to teach through hands on learning, was on target for an international award.

Richard Kiessel, who was Michigan's 2007 Hunter Education Volunteer Instructor of the Year, was selected as a national finalist for the 21st annual Winchester Volunteer Hunter Education Instructor of the Year Award.

Kiessel was recognized for this honor from Winchester Ammunition and the International Hunter Education Association (IHEA) during the IHEA's annual conference held last month in Fairview Heights, Ill. Winchester's top award went to Walter Norton of Texas. Ricky Moss of Alabama also was selected as a finalist.

Kiessel was selected for consideration of the international award out of more than 70,000 volunteer instructors across North America. This is the second time a Michigan instructor has been a finalist. Jim Delaney of Oakland County was a finalist for the award in 2006.

Kiessel provides the bookwork to youngsters who take the hunter's education classes in advance. He then utilizes a number of hunter's education instructors in his classes, and breaks various aspects of the classes into

individual stations where the students in small groups learn about topics such as firearms, shooting and accuracy, first aid and tree stand safety.

Kiessel said he was honored to be nominated for the award.

"We have an outstanding program, and it's hands on learning," he said.

A hunter's education instructor since 1974, Kiessel is a retired public school teacher from Wayne County who first started teaching hunter's education classes in a school gymnasium while he was still a teacher.

Kiessel, and his wife Nancy, who also is a volunteer hunter's education instructor, live in Eldorado about 15 miles east of Grayling, in the heart of Michigan's Kirtland's warbler habitat.

Kiessel is the volunteer instructor coordinator for Crawford, Oscoda and Roscommon counties. He personally has been responsible for recruiting more than 50 hunter's education instructors and has trained about 400 instructors over the past three years.

An avid outdoorsman, Kiessel is a member of several natural resource and sportsmen's organizations. He is the community service coordinator for the Mio Moose Family Center, where he regularly teaches hunter's education courses. Kiessel is a former "Moose of the Year" winner for

his volunteer hunter's education efforts.

"Richard Kiessel is more than just a volunteer hunter's education instructor," said Sgt. Kevin Davis, the northern Michigan hunter education field coordinator for the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), who also submitted Kiessel's nomination for the national award. "He is an ambassador of the conservation education message with a legacy of demonstrated leadership and dedication."

Davis said that volunteer hunter's education instructors help with the DNR's commitment to the conservation, protection, management, use and enjoyment



Richard Kiessel

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A dinner to honor Kiessel's achievements will be held at 5 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 2, at the Mio Moose Family Center.

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"Both local and state offices may be on your primary ballot, including legislative and Congressional seats, and judicial races," said Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land, the state's chief election officer. "If you are not yet registered to vote in Michigan, I encourage you to do so as soon as possible. It's fast and easy. You can find a registration form on-line, at a branch office or at your local

clerk's office."

To register, people must be at least 18 years old by Election Day and be U.S. residents. They must also be residents of Michigan and of the city or township in which they wish to register.

Voters may register in person or by mail. The mail-in form is on the Department of State Web site at [www.Michigan.gov/sos](http://www.Michigan.gov/sos). First-time voters who register by mail must vote in person in their first election, unless they hand-deliver the application to their

local clerk, are 60 years old or older, are disabled or are overseas.

To check their registration status, voters may visit the Michigan Voter Information Center at [www.Michigan.gov/vote](http://www.Michigan.gov/vote). Residents will be able to find information on voting by absentee ballot, using voting equipment and contacting their local clerk. They can also find a map to their local polling place.

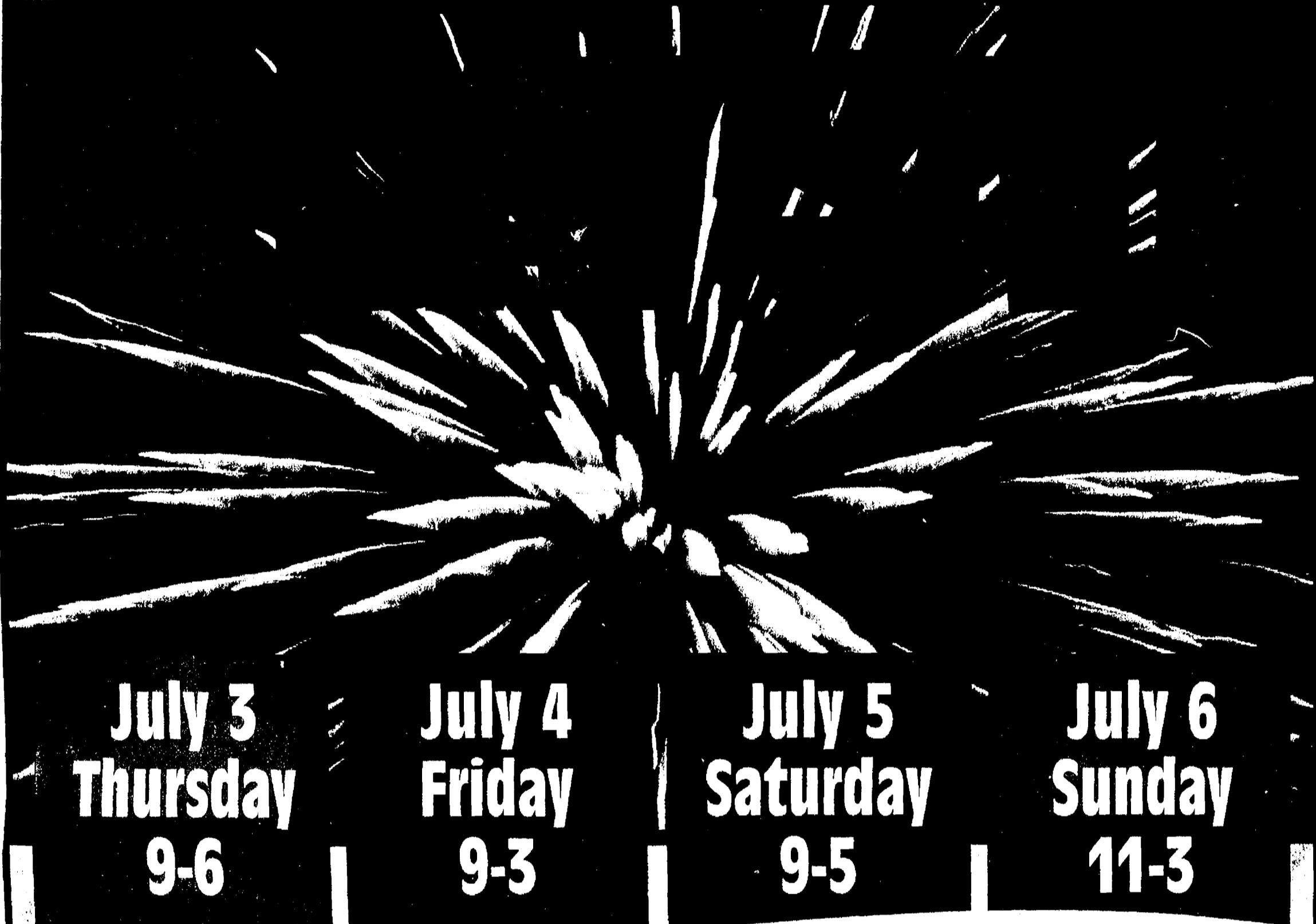
Voters are again reminded of the identification requirement. They will be asked to present a photo ID at the polls, such as a Michigan driver's license or identification card.

Voters who don't have a Michigan driver's license or identification card can show the following forms of photo ID: Driver's license or personal identification card issued by another state; federal or state government-issued photo identification; U.S. passport; military ID with photo; student identification with photo from a high school or accredited institution of higher learning; or a tribal identification card with photo.

Anyone who does not have an acceptable form of photo ID or is not carrying one can still vote. They will sign a brief form stating that they're not in possession of a photo ID. Their ballots will be included with all others and counted on Election Day.

Voters who qualify may choose to vote by absentee ballot on Election Day. As a registered voter, you may obtain an absentee voter ballot if you are age 60 or older, unable to vote without assistance at the polls, expecting to be out of town on election day, in jail awaiting arraignment or trial, unable to attend the polls due to religious reasons or appointed to work as an election inspector in a precinct outside of your precinct of residence.

Additional information is available on the Department of State Web site at [www.Michigan.gov/sos](http://www.Michigan.gov/sos).



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## D.A.R.E. golf scramble raises money for youth programs

■ *Thirty-five teams participate in annual Sheriff's Department fund-raiser event*

The annual D.A.R.E. golf outing, a four-person scramble event held at the Grayling Country Club last Thursday, included 35 teams this year and helped raise thousands of dollars for Crawford County Sheriff's Department youth programs.

Kirk Wakefield, Crawford County Sheriff, said this year's turnout was "great - 35 teams. We haven't had that many in quite a while."

Wakefield said the department has been conducting the annual golf scramble for about 20 years. The event has become a major fund-raiser for the department's youth programs, including D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education), Junior Deputy, Kid Identification, and the Bicycle Rodeo.

"This is our sole moneymaker," Wakefield said. "We rely heavily on this."

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See "D.A.R.E. GOLF..."



(L to R) Kim Kanary, Karen Rauch-Smock, Chris Sheldon, and Brenda Tuskan gather before teeing off on hole #11 during Thursday's D.A.R.E. golf outing, an event that helps the Crawford County Sheriff's Department raise money for youth programs.



Darrell Metzer, left, chips onto the green on hole #17 during last Thursday's D.A.R.E. golf outing. Ryan Fritz, center, hits a tee shot on hole #11 on Thursday morning. Randy Baerlocher, right, puts on hole #11.



Shon Chmielewski hits a tee shot during last week's D.A.R.E. golf scramble.

(L to R) Chopper Steffes, Joel Avalos, Shawn Krayes, and Gary Hodgson gather on the green after finishing a hole on Thursday morning.

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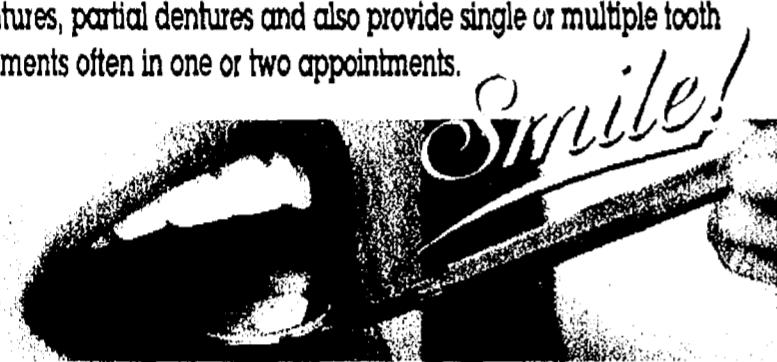
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Paddling teams enter the AuSable River during the start of the 2007 AuSable River Canoe Marathon. Seventy-five teams – a new AuSable Marathon record – started last year's race.

## Two main sponsors back on board for 61st AuSable Marathon

■ 67 paddling teams signed up so far for this year's canoe race from Grayling to Oscoda

The 2008 AuSable River Canoe Marathon, the 61st race in the event's history, is now only a few weeks away.

This year's AuSable Marathon, which is scheduled to start on Saturday, July 26, has two of its main sponsors back for another year. Weyerhaeuser is back for a 16th consecutive year as the race's primary sponsor. Scott McNamara Ford-Mercury of Grayling will again be the spon-

sor of the time trials.

"Since 1992, Weyerhaeuser has been a great partner for the canoe race. With their leadership and support, the canoe race has

become a world class sporting event," said Joe Wakeley, race committee member. "During the last 16 years, we have watched the event grow in popularity, both with the competitors and fans."

"We are happy to have Scott McNamara Ford-Mercury back on board as a sponsor," said John Lucey, chairman of the race committee. "The canoe race itself would not be as successful as it is

without the support of sponsors like Scott McNamara, and we appreciate their support of this great community event."

Time trials are held to determine the starting positions for the LeMans-style beginning of the Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon. Penrod's Canoe Livery will be the host site for this two-day event. Time trials will be held on Thursday, July 24, and Friday, July 25, this year. At time trials, competitors paddle a looped course on the AuSable River and the teams with the fastest times secure front row positions for the start of the race.

Teams line up on Peninsular Avenue at 9 p.m. on race night and sprint three blocks with their canoes and paddles to the AuSable River for the start of the canoe race. Once in the river, competitors will begin a journey leading them through northern Michigan's pristine forest and finishing 120 miles later in

Oscoda.

As of Friday, June 27, 67 paddling teams were registered for this year's AuSable River Canoe Marathon.

Last year, during the AuSable Marathon's 60th race, a record number of paddlers competed in the event. Seventy-five paddling teams started the AuSable Marathon in 2007, breaking the previous record of 68, a mark that was established in 2000.

For more on the AuSable River Canoe Marathon, visit the event's official Web site: [www.ausablecanoe marathon.org](http://www.ausablecanoe marathon.org).

To check out the Crawford County Avalanche's Photo Archive from last year's AuSable Marathon and AuSable Marathon time trials, visit our Web site at: [www.crawford countyavalanche.com](http://www.crawford countyavalanche.com). Use one of the Photo Archive links, then go into "Community Events" or "Sports & Recreation."

## GRAYLING COUNTRY CLUB NEWS

Submitted by Donna Thomson  
Wednesday Ladies League

Finally, the ladies had a wonderful day of golf on June 25. We had comfortable temperatures, blue sunny skies and a delightful breeze. Maybe summer has finally arrived.

The gals shined, as in Flight A, Lynda Hetrick had a low net of 32 and Jeanette Kitchen had low putts of 15.

In Flight B there was a three way tie for low net of 36, between Sharon France, JoAnn Phillips and Judy Williamson, while Kay Ellen King had low putts of 15.

In Flight C, Evie Kent had a low net of 40 and Rhea Gierke had low putts of 15.

This week, Sandy Winkle joined others on the birdie tree, with a birdie on hole #11, and RetaLou Tobin had a chip-in on hole #11.

## FOX RUN GOLF

Thursday Ladies League  
The standings for Thursday, June 26, are as follows.

In Flight 1, the wins were Gust and Griffin with 43, Marshall and Hall with 35, Upton and Ferguson with 32.5, K. Freer and Longendyke with 32, Baetens and Bradley with 25 and Ostling and J. McKindles with 21.5. Marshall had a low net score of 30 and a birdie on hole #16. K. Freer had a birdie on hole #13 and J. McKindles had a birdie on hole #16.

In Flight 2, Sullivan and M. McKindles had a score of 45, Finkbeiner and DiPonio had 36,

The lunch was beef Stroganoff, with a salad or a menu choice. Always good.

The wildlife is once again in abundance, with deer leaping across the fairway and the geese making their presence known, plus many other creatures, too many to mention.

The flowers that were planted really look nice and tree trimming has been going on. Keep up the good work.

I am once again glad to be back writing for you, although Sherry Hanson always does an excellent job filling in for me.

Keep praying for this great weather and that's all "fore" now.

On "Rally for a Cure" day, Abby Wheeler donated all her winnings, as she is a college student and a member of the golf team at Olivet College.

DeMassa and Willikins had 35, Baker and Baldwin had 29, Coors and B. Freer had 29 and Lederman and Bailey had 15. Golicic had a low net score of 31. B. Freer had birdies on holes #13 and #14.

In Flight 3, the team of Koutnik and Summerix came in with 40, Patchin and Deloge with 39, Nester and Close with 37, Hess and Spangler with 34; Hanson and Walper with 23 and Kelsey and Funkey with 16. Koutnik had a low net score of 34. Furstenau had a birdie on hole #16.

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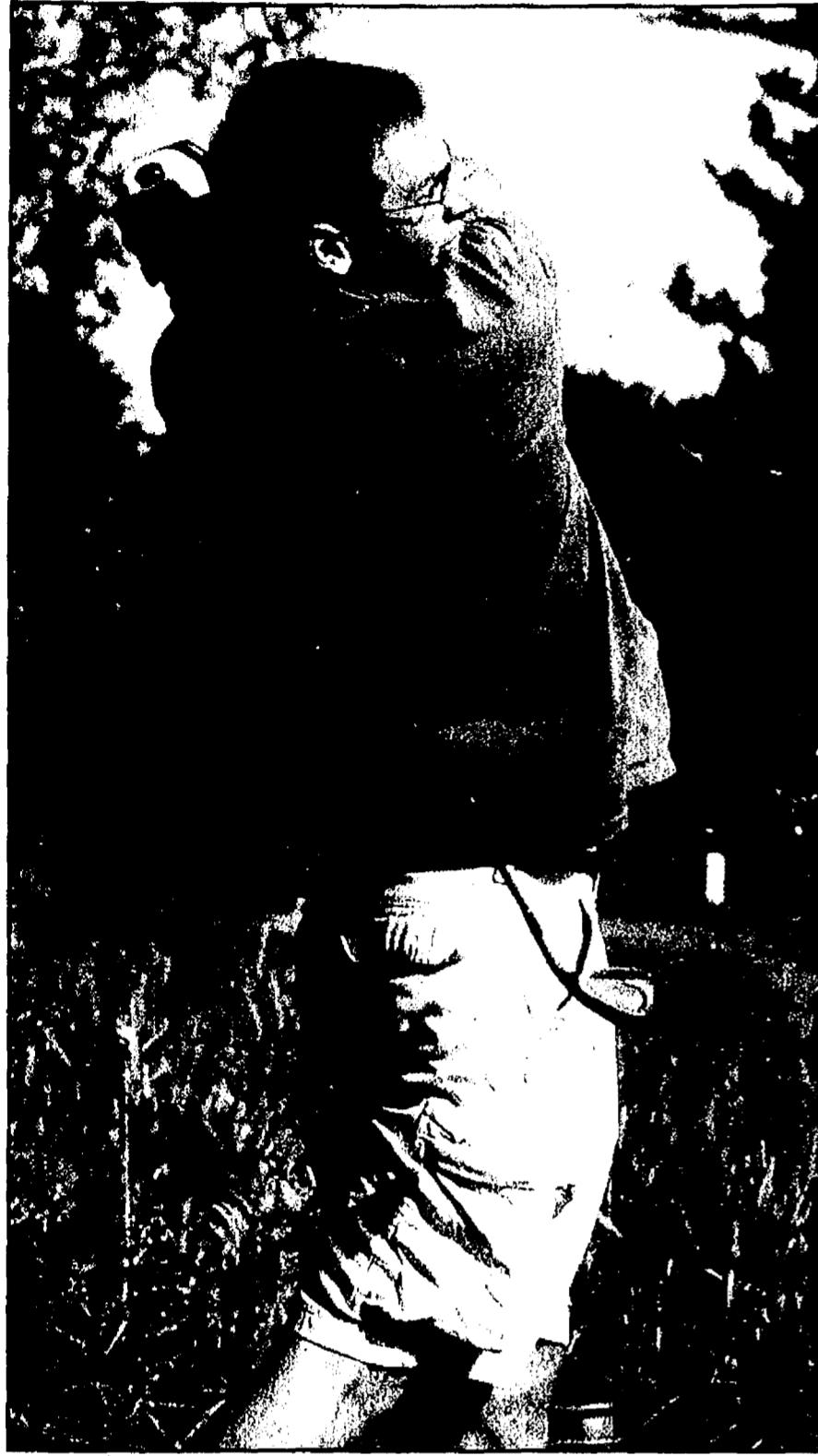
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# D.A.R.E. golf scramble raises money for youth programs

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Wakefield said the event usually brings in about \$5,000 to \$6,000.

"We're expecting a little more than that this year with all the teams we have. We also had a lot of hole sponsors," he said.



Chris Kucharek, left, tees off on hole #11 during last Thursday's D.A.R.E. golf outing at the Grayling Country Club. Chris Sheldon, right, hits a chip shot during last week's scramble event.



Wayne Metzer, left, hits a drive on hole #18 during the D.A.R.E. golf outing on Thursday, June 26. Shawn Krayes, right, puts on Thursday.



Tinelle Zigila, left, hits a drive on Thursday morning. Bill Heinz, right, sinks a birdie putt on hole #11 during the D.A.R.E. scramble.

The D.A.R.E. program, which includes grades 5 and 7 in Crawford County, focuses primarily on drug resistance and violence resistance education. The program affects approximately 300 children per year, Wakefield said.

The Bicycle Rodeo, which is geared toward young people ages 5-14, teaches bicycle safety.

Approximately 150 kids participate in the Junior Deputy program, and between 100 and 150 young people take part in the Bicycle Rodeo, Wakefield said.

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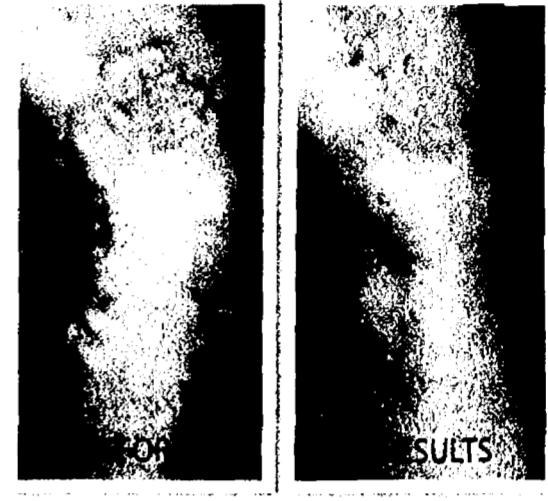
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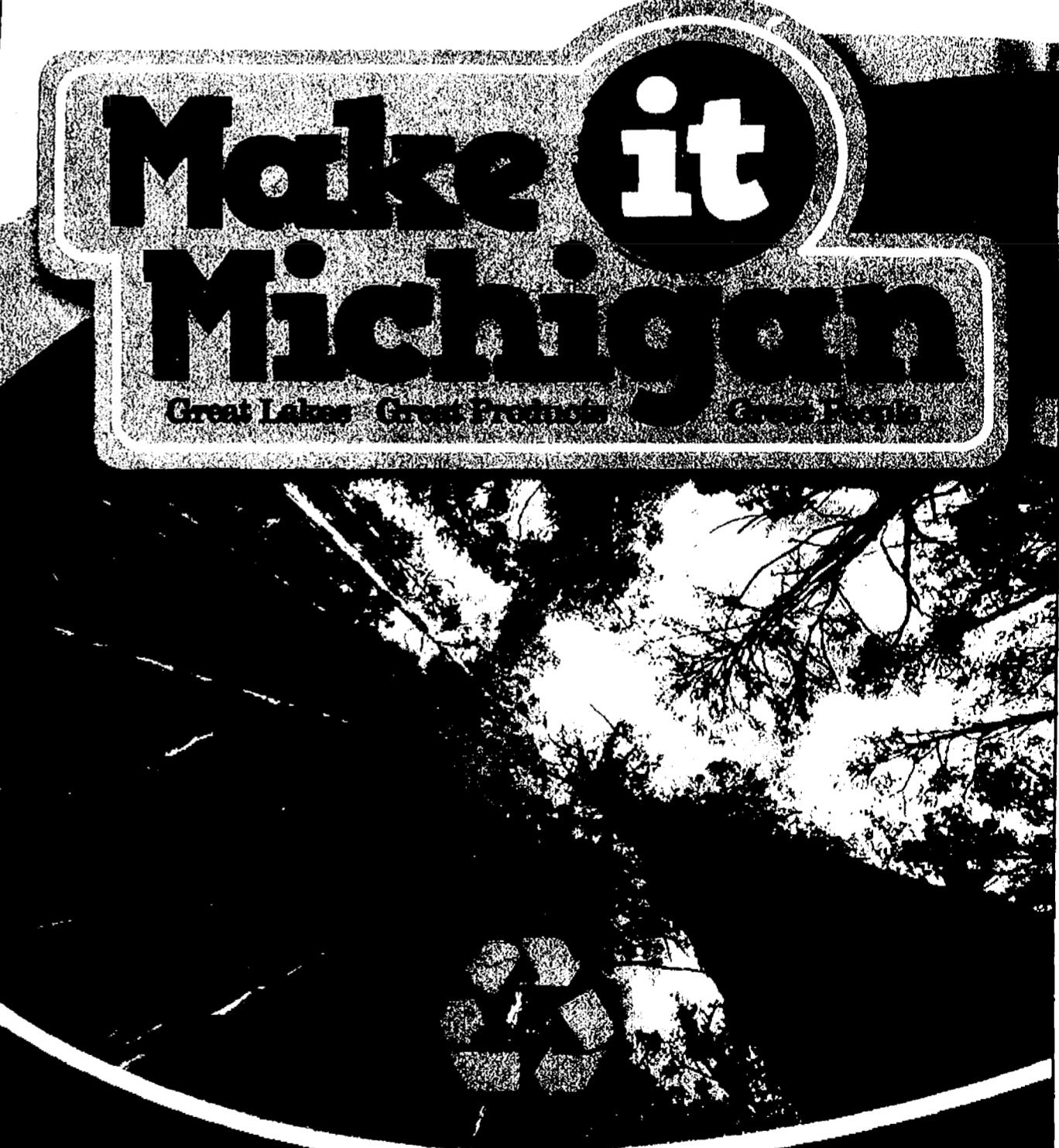
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### STATE OF MICHIGAN

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#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

#### Decedent's Estate

File No. 08-7440-DE

Estate of Martha A. Bittner

Date of birth: Feb. 13, 1931

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS:** The decedent, Martha A. Bittner, who lived at 1490 Chappel Dr., Grayling, Michigan died May 22, 2008.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Donald R. Bittner, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 200 W. Michigan Ave., Grayling, and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: June 25, 2008

Personal representative:  
 Donald R. Bittner  
 12125 Murphy Road  
 Elbert, CO 80106  
 719-510-0999

### STATE OF MICHIGAN

#### PROBATE COURT

#### COUNTY OF

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#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

#### Decedent's Estate

File No. 08-7438-DE

Estate of Walter A. Plachetzki

Date of birth: May 16, 1923

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS:** The decedent, Walter A. Plachetzki, who lived at 128 Dale, Houghton Lake, Michigan 48629 died May 12, 2008.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Barbara S. Kuprel, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 200 W. Michigan Ave., Grayling, and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: June 12, 2008

Personal representative:  
 Barbara S. Kuprel  
 48 Newberry Lane  
 Howell, MI 48843

517-548-0576

### NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Matthew S. Beattie a/k/a Matt S. Beattie, a single man, original mortgagor(s), to JPMorgan Chase Bank, NA, Mortgagee, dated December 7, 2007, and recorded on December 17, 2007 in Liber 689 on Page 603, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Three Thousand Four Hundred Sixty-Six And 26/100 Dollars (\$43,466.26), including interest at 7% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on July 23, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at the Northwest corner of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 28, Town 28 North, Range 4 West, thence South on the 1/8 line, 400 feet to the point of beginning, thence East 125 feet, thence South to North right of way line of Cameron Bridge Road; thence Northwesterly along said right of way line to a point directly South of the point of beginning, thence North to the point of beginning, being a part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 28, Town 28 North, Range 4 West.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on August 6, 2008.

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The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: June 19, 2008

For more information, please call:

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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on August 6, 2008.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The North 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Lot 4, Block 4, Martha M Brinks Addition to the Village (now city) of Grayling, according to the plat thereof, being part of Lot 4, Block 4, Martha M Brinks Addition, Excepting the

7.625% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on July 16, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The East 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 9, Town 25 North, Range 3 West, Beaver Creek Township, ALSO Known as Parcel "H".

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: June 12, 2008

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jordon Theodore Grala, a single man, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated March 5, 2007, and recorded on March 13, 2007 in Liber 685 on Page 680, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Aurora Loan Services, LLC as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty-One And 95/100 Dollars (\$107,861.95), including interest at

7.625% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on July 19, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel AA-1: Part of the Southwest 1/4 of Southeast 1/4 of Section 6, Town 25 North, Range 3 West, Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Barbara S. Kuprel, her wife, and Barbara S. Kuprel, an unmarried woman with full rights of survivorship, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty-One And 95/100 Dollars (\$107,861.95), including interest at

7.625% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on July 19, 2008.

Dated: June 19, 20

# LEGAL ACTION

## FORECLOSURE NOTICE

PURSUANT TO 15 USC 1692 YOU ARE HEREBY INFORMED THAT THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND THAT ANY INFORMATION THAT YOU PROVIDE MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the condition of a mortgage made by Thomas Goodreau and Lauri Goodreau, Husband and Wife to HOUSEHOLD FINANCE CORPORATION III by a mortgage dated September 15, 2005 and recorded on October 12, 2005 in Liber 677 on Page 834, Crawford County Records Michigan on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighteen Thousand Six Hundred Forty and 88/100 Dollars (\$18,640.88) including interest at 12.14% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the front door to the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 AM on July 30, 2008.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the front door to the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 AM on July 30, 2008.

Said premises are situated in the City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 11, Block 2, Hadley's Amended Addition to the Village (now City) of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the Plat thereof, Crawford County Records.

503 Elm Street

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days after statutory notice, whichever is later.

Dated: June 26, 2008

Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C.  
Attorneys for Assignee  
43252 Woodward Ave., Suite 180  
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302  
(248) 335-9200

Our File No. 172.01133

-26-3-10-17-24

## FORECLOSURE NOTICE

FORECLOSURE NOTICE This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Lawrence J. Julian, Married and Janet K. Julian a/k/a Janet Julian, non-obligor spouse/owner to The CIT Group/Consumer Finance, Inc., Mortgagee, dated October 23, 2001 and recorded November 5, 2001 in Liber 558 Page 397 Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was assigned to: The Bank of New York, as successor in interest to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as Trustee successor in interest to Bank One, N.A., as Trustee of the Structured Asset Securities Corporation, Amortizing Residential Collateral Trust, 2002-BC1, by assignment dated August 28, 2007 and recorded September 11, 2007 in Liber 688, Page 476 on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Sixteen Thousand Two Hundred Seventy-Three Dollars and Forty-Nine Cents (\$116,273.49) including interest 11.25% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the front door to the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 AM on July 30, 2008.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Ronald D. Wyman and Rebecca L. Wyman, Husband and Wife to

Ameriquest Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated May 11, 2005 and recorded May 25, 2005 in Liber 675 Page 619 Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was subsequently assigned to: Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as trustee, in trust for the registered holders of Ameriquest Mortgage Securities, Inc., Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-R6, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirty-Six Thousand Eighty-Five Dollars and Eight Cents (\$136,085.08) including interest 9.99% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, Circuit Court of Crawford County at 10:00AM on July 30, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at the North line of Northeast one-quarter of Southwest one-quarter and West Right of Way of County Road of Section 12; thence 400 feet; thence West 91.3 feet; thence Northwesterly 122.5 feet; thence Northwesterly 161.2 feet; thence Northwesterly 56 feet; thence continuing Section 12, Town 26 North, Range 4 West, 90 feet to right of Bank of the Au Sable River, thence down Stream, along bank 67 feet. Thence East 75.2 feet to the point of beginning Section 12, Town 26 North Range 4 West.

Commonly known as 1550 Old Damn Road, Grayling MI 49738

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later. Dated: JUNE 5, 2008 The Bank of New York, as Trustee of the Structured Asset Securities Corporation, Amortizing Residential Collateral Trust, 2002-BC1, Assigned of Mortgagee: Attorneys: Potoski & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 08-93751 ASA# 2786716 06/12/2008, 06/19/2008, 06/26/2008, 07/03/2008

-12-19-26-3

## MORTGAGE SALE

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Mark R. Cebaca, a single man, to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., Mortgagee, dated September 29, 2005 and recorded October 4, 2005 in Liber 677, Page 783, Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Chase Home Finance LLC by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-One Thousand Five Hundred Fifteen and 30/100 Dollars (\$41,515.30) including interest at 6.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the front door to the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 AM on July 30, 2008.

Said premises are located in the City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

The Easterly one-half of Lots 1 and 2, Block 3, being a piece of land 60 wide by 120 feet long, fronting 60 feet on Ingham Street and extending across the entire width of said Lots 1 and 2 in Block 3; and the Southerly 10 feet of Lot 3 of Block 3, being a piece of land 10 feet wide and 120 feet long, fronting 10 feet on Chestnut Street, all in Block 3 of O.M. Barnes Addition to the Village (now City) of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 11 of Plats, Page 5, Crawford County Records.

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Dated: June 26, 2008

Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C.  
Attorneys for Servicer  
43252 Woodward Ave., Suite 180  
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302  
(248) 335-9200

Our File No. 172.01133

-26-3-10-17-24

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Ronald D. Wyman and Rebecca L. Wyman, Husband and Wife to

Ameriquest Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated May 11, 2005 and recorded May 25, 2005 in Liber 675 Page 619 Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was subsequently assigned to: Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as trustee, in trust for the registered holders of Ameriquest Mortgage Securities, Inc., Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-R6, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirty-Six Thousand Eighty-Five Dollars and Eight Cents (\$136,085.08) including interest 9.99% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, Circuit Court of Crawford County at 10:00AM on July 30, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Commencing at the North line of Northeast one-quarter of Southwest one-quarter and West Right of Way of County

Road of Section 12; thence 400 feet; thence West 91.3 feet; thence Northwesterly 122.5 feet; thence Northwesterly 161.2 feet; thence Northwesterly 56 feet; thence continuing

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The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later. Dated: JUNE 5, 2008 The Bank of New York, as Trustee of the Structured Asset Securities Corporation, Amortizing Residential Collateral Trust, 2002-BC1, Assigned of Mortgagee: Attorneys: Potoski & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 08-93751 ASA# 2786716 06/12/2008, 06/19/2008, 06/26/2008, 07/03/2008

-12-19-26-3

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Eugene B. Moore and Jacqueline M. Moore, husband and wife, to Master Mortgage and Financial Lending Corporation, Mortgage Banker, Mortgagee, dated September 10, 1999 and recorded October 26, 1999 in Liber 493, Page 620, Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by LaSalle National Bank, in its capacity as indenture trustee under that certain Sale and Servicing Agreement dated December 1, 1999 among AFC Trust Series 1999-4, as issuer, Superior Bank FSB as Seller and Servicer, and LaSalle Bank National Association as Indenture Trustee, AFC Mortgage Loan Asset Backed Notes, Series 1999-4 and any amendments thereto by assignment.

There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Twenty-Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy-Nine and 05/100 Dollars (\$29,779.05) including interest at 12.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 AM on August 6, 2008.

Said premises are located in the

Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lots 601 and 610, Indian Glens of the Au

Sable Unit Number 6, Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 4, Pages 1 through 14, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: July 3, 2008  
Orlans Associates, P.C.  
Attorneys for Servicer  
P.O. Box 5041  
Troy, MI 48007-5041  
File No. 199.4860

-3-10-17-24

## MORTGAGE SALE

PETER M. SCHNEIDERMAN & ASSOCIATES, P.C., IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT (248)539-7400 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by RANDY L. SMOCK and BECKY S. SMOCK, husband and wife, Mortgagors, to FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF AMERICA, Mortgagee, dated March 2, 2006, and recorded March 8, 2006, in Liber 680, Page 124, of Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due as of the date of this notice the sum of Forty Six Thousand Two Hundred Thirty Four and 78/100 Dollars (\$46,234.78), including interest at 11% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 AM on August 6, 2008.

Said premises are located in the City of

Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

The Southerly 1/3 of Lot 3, and all of Lots

4, 5 and 6, Block 7, Martha M. Brinks 2nd

Addition to the Village (now City) according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 01, Page 29, Crawford County Records.

Commonly known as 309 Brink St., Grayling, MI 49738

Tax ID: 070-132-007-004-00

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Eileen R. Bickmann, original mortgagor(s), to Chase Bank USA, N.A., Mortgagee, dated February 5, 2007, and recorded on April 10, 2007 in Liber 686 on Page 209, in Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Five Thousand Twenty-Eight And 25/100 Dollars (\$95,028.25), including interest at 8.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on August 6, 2008.

# FEATURES

## A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE



**July 4, 1985** - Don Kramer, a Croswell resident who has made Santa appearances for more than 30 years, visited children in the city park. Pictured is Kristin Ockerman visiting with Santa.

### 23 Years Ago July 4, 1985

A vinyl cover may be used to cap the old 20-acre Crawford-Otsego landfill instead of a clay covering. Crawford County Commissioner John Miller says the vinyl cover will cost less than a clay cover.

A national guard platoon leader had to pay \$105 in fines in 83rd District Court in Crawford County for leading nine M-60 tanks through a Kirtland's warbler nesting area on June 17. None of the endangered warblers were found killed in the beaten path of the tanks.

One hundred children, grades

kindergarten - sixth, spent their mornings in 10 family tents on the lawn of Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church. A cooperative Bittletimes Marketplace Vacation Bible School was held on the lawn. It was sponsored by St. Francis Episcopal Church, St. John Lutheran Church and Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church.

Stacey Gisinski was the winner of the County Fair Premium Book Cover Contest. Donna Masker, manager of the Grayling branch of Old Kent Bank of Gaylord, presented her with a \$50 savings bond for her first place

entry.

### 46 Years Ago July 5, 1962

Lacey Stephan Jr. is assisting at Burns Hardware store over the summer. Peterson's Hardware store has taken on Tom Jurkovich as an employee and the helper at the Grayling Bank is George Blaha.

There are 12 riding horses and two Shetland ponies at the Lake Valley Resort located between Grayling and Kalkaska. They offer scenic trail rides for \$1.50, rides on Saturday and Sunday for \$2 and food furnished group cookouts for \$3.50.

The Cornell Agency, located at the corner of Lake and Maple street, is constructing a large addition to their office building.

The 8th annual reunion of the AuSable River Rats Association was held on July 1, at the cabin of Charles B. Parks on the AuSable. The reunion has become an annual gathering of those who grew up spending summers on the AuSable River at their parent's summer homes.

Carnival Capers, sponsored by the Frederic Hobby Club, will be in front of the Frederic Community School on July 6-9.

There will be a merry-go-round, a ferris wheel, a roller coaster, a chairplane, other attractions and concessions. Books of eight tickets are \$1 and will be sold in all Frederic stores.

### 49 Years Ago July 6, 1959

It was 23 years ago that Esbern Olson opened a shoe repair store

in the little store building that he has since occupied. It was a modest beginning. Soon, his repair business developed into real proportions and he added a small stock of shoes. This business grew and better brands were handled. This place has been way too small for his trade and this week he sees the fulfillment of an ambition he has had for a long time, the opening of a brand new store.

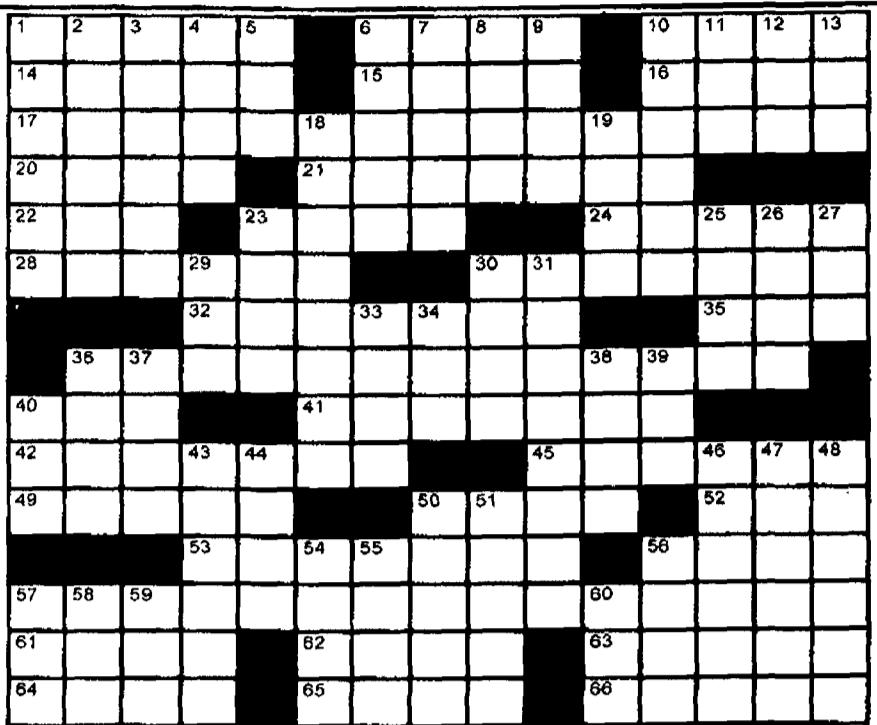
Horace Shaw's new cottage at Lake Margrethe, except for the finishing touches, is just about complete. It is modern in every respect. It has a shower bath and lavatory, electric lights, electric pump for water supply and the heating plant in the basement. The ceilings are all covered with masonite and the walls are knotty cedar. There are spring controlled windows and cement porches on two sides of the cottage. This will be the year-round home for the Shaw's.

### 92 Years Ago July 6, 1916

Friday afternoon, a fine little auto was given away at the Model Bakery to the contestant holding the largest number of votes. Ruby Dyer was the winner. Kenneth Nell and George Hodge Jr. received the next highest. They received express wagons.

Miss Clara Nelson has resigned her position at the Grayling Mercantile Company store.

## CROSSWORD



Across  
 1. Put off, as a motion  
 6. Cockeyed  
 7. Supernatural lifeforces  
 8. Carbon compound  
 9. Colorful salamander  
 10. Rears  
 11. Josh  
 12. .0000001 joule  
 13. \_\_\_ bit  
 18. People used as a cover for some questionable activity  
 19. Set lower  
 23. Absorbed  
 25. Colloquial British abbreviation  
 26. Wrestling hold  
 27. In-flight info, for short  
 29. \_\_\_ de deux  
 30. \_\_\_ quam videri" (North Carolina's motto)  
 31. Persist despite the probability of trouble  
 33. Indian bread  
 34. "Star Trek" rank: Abbr.  
 36. \_\_\_ Piper  
 37. Shrek, e.g.  
 38. Nonexistent  
 39. Aged  
 40. \_\_\_ Beta Kappa  
 43. Got together  
 44. A chorus line  
 46. Animal or plant material used to fertilize land  
 47. Loss of willpower  
 48. Fit together  
 50. Noted blind mathematician  
 51. Roswell crash victim, supposedly  
 54. Black  
 55. Authority  
 56. Maple genus  
 57. Detachable container  
 58. Charlotte-to-Raleigh dir.  
 59. \_\_\_ Victor  
 60. "Are we there \_\_\_?"

## ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

### ADOPT A PET

WE'RE OVER-LOADED! - The animal shelter is currently very full of animals in need of loving homes, just like yours. Help these very adoptable pets, find homes, adopt today!

#### Kathleen

Kathleen is a three year old red Pit Bull. This dog appears to be housebroken and walks pretty well on a leash. She likes other dogs, and loves toys and car rides. This lovely dog has been spayed and vaccinated. All she needs now is a loving new home.



#### Fiddlesticks

Fiddlesticks is a beautiful 4-5 month old doll of a kitten. She is as sweet as they come and quite an active and happy little girl. Fiddlesticks is great with other cats and has been around loads of dogs. This kitty is spayed, vaccinated and feline leukemia tested negative.

Visit us at: [www.usablevalleyanimalshelter.org](http://www.usablevalleyanimalshelter.org)  
 AuSable Valley Animal Shelter is located at:  
 5786 Fairground Lane, Grayling  
 Use the entrance to the Crawford County Fairgrounds  
 Hours: Open 10 to 3 pm Monday thru Saturday, 10 to 12 pm on Sundays and Holidays  
 After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117  
 For more pets or more information, visit our website [www.usablevalleyanimalshelter.org](http://www.usablevalleyanimalshelter.org)

## WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Date	H	L	Inches	Extended Forecast (Courtesy of the Weather.com)				
				Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
6/24	74	48	0					
6/25	78	48	0					
6/26	82	55	0	High	High	High	High	High
6/27	84	58	0	74	77	80	80	78
6/28	84	60	1.00	Low	Low	56	59	57
6/29	77	53	0.52	48	51	56	59	56
6/30	73	53	0	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Isolated Thunderstorms

## RECIPE OF THE WEEK

### Sweet Summer Drinks

#### Berry Special Sparkler

2 orange spice tea bags  
 2 cups boiling water  
 1 cup frozen raspberries  
 1/2 cup light or reduced-sugar frozen cranberry juice concentrate  
 3 packets sweetener  
 1 cup raspberry-flavored seltzer water  
 Steep tea bags in water until cool; remove tea bags. Puree raspberries in blender until smooth; add to tea; stir in cranberry juice concentrate and sweetener. Strain mixture through sieve to remove seeds. Stir in seltzer. Serve immediately over ice cubes in tall glass.

#### Just Peachy Smoothie

1 cup frozen sliced peaches  
 1 cup fat-free peach yogurt  
 1/2 cup orange juice  
 2 packets sweetener  
 3/4 cup orange-flavored seltzer water  
 Fresh peach slices, optional

In blender, combine peaches, yogurt, orange juice and sweetener; puree until smooth. Stir in seltzer until combined. Pour in tall glasses; garnish with fresh peach slices, if desired. Serve immediately.

#### Each Makes 4 Servings

#### Marvelous Mint Crush

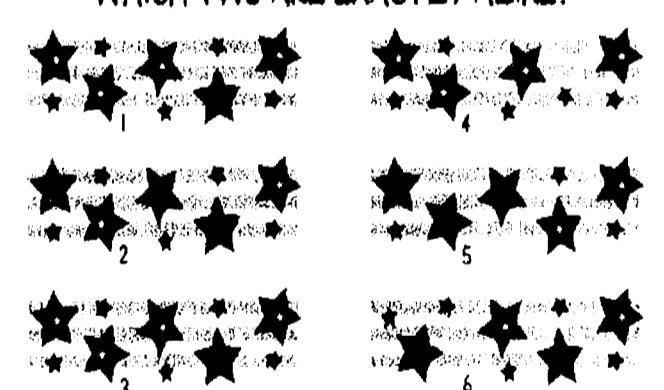
1/2 cup fresh mint leaves, washed and dried, torn in half  
 12 packets sweetener  
 3 cups cold water  
 1/2 cup freshly squeezed lemon juice  
 1 (12 oz.) can diet ginger ale  
 Fresh mint leave, optional

Place mint leaves in the bottom of a pitcher. Add sweetener and crush mixture with back of wooden spoon. Add water, lemon juice and ginger ale; stir. Serve immediately over crushed ice in tall glass, garnishing with fresh mint leaves, if desired.

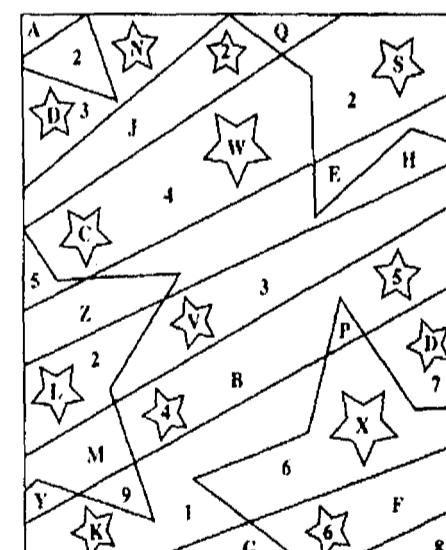
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### FIND THE TWINS

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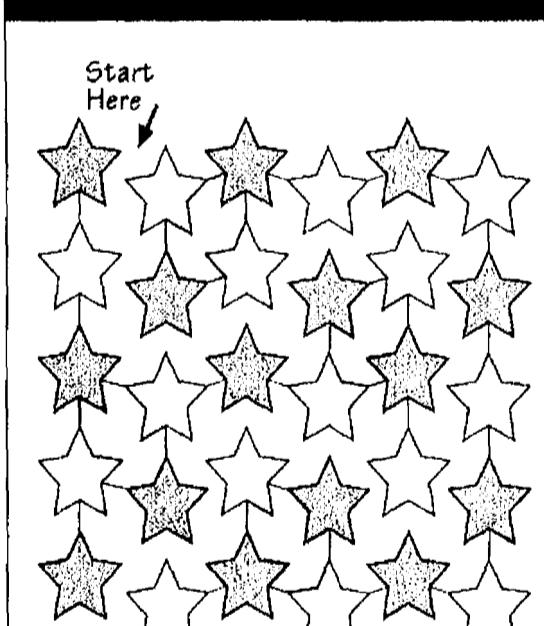


## HIDDEN PICTURE



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## MAZE



## HOROSCOPES

For the week of July 4, 2008



December 22 - January 19



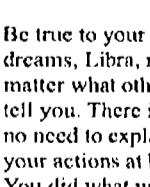
March 21 - April 19



June 22 - July 22



September 23 - October 22



October 23 - November 21



January 20 - February 18



April 20 - May 20



July 23 - August 22



November 22 - December 21



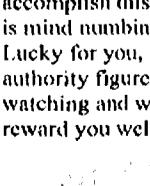
February 19 - March 20



May 21 - June 21



August 23 - September 22



December 22 - January 19

FOR ENTERTAINMENT PURPOSES ONLY



**1. Real Estate**

**HOUSE FOR SALE** Small 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath, 964 sq. ft., home with natural gas fireplace and 2 car garage in Village of Roscommon. Home includes refrigerator, stove, washer, dryer, microwave, window AC. Sales price of \$62,000 with seller to provide \$3,000 towards closing costs. Current FHA assumable mortgage available through Chase Bank. Call 989-889-5204. (-3-10-17-24/1)

**2. For Rent**

**FULLY FURNISHED** 850 Sq ft Home near Houghton Lake. Weekly or Monthly Rentals. Newly remodeled. All new appliances includes W/D. Perfect for Temporary Workers or vacation. (989) 370-3125. (-26-3/2)

**MOBILE HOMES 4 RENT** 2 and 3 bedroom, \$425 and up. Also, trailers for sale. 348-5278. (9/28/06tf/2)

**OFFICE SPACE** in Roscommon, great location. \$475 per month, plus utilities. 989-348-2466, AuSable Rentals. (1/10/08tf/2)

**1 OR 2 BEDROOM** Home for rent on Manistee River Rd. \$400 - \$500 monthly. 517-206-4673. (-12-19-26-3-10/2)

**COMMERCIAL BUILDING FOR RENT**

Suitable for office, retail, or beauty shop, 840 sq. ft. 6251 M-72 West, Grayling

**348-4716**

**1. Real Estate**

**RE/MAX of Grayling**

5728 M-72 West  
EACH OFFICE INDEPENDENTLY OWNED & OPERATED  
**(989) 348-7440**

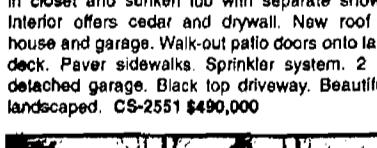
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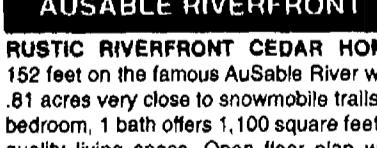
**AN ELEGANT APPROACH TO TRADITIONAL STYLE!** Well maintained 3 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath home with basement. New remodeled kitchen with granite cabinets, large sunroom and snack bar. Living room offers wood stove with brick surround. New vinyl siding and roof 2005. Circle driveway. Very tastefully decorated. Large deck off dining room. Nicely landscaped. Stately trees on property. Very nice - A MUST SEE. CS-2490 \$56,000



**LAKE MARGRETHE**  
100' FRONTAGE ON BEAUTIFUL LAKE MARGRETHE! Open floor plan with cathedral ceiling and beautiful brick fireplace for those cozy evenings. 4 bedrooms, 3 baths offers 2,063 sq. ft. Wet bar. Snack bar. Master suite offers large walk-in closet and sunken tub with separate shower. Large deck overlooking lake. Large deck off house and garage. Walk-in-pulls doors onto large deck. Paver driveway. Sprinkler system. 2 car detached garage. Black top driveway. Beautifully landscaped. CS-2511 \$490,000



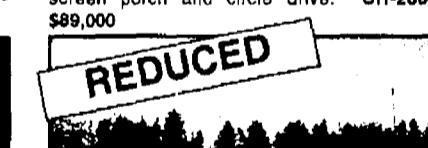
**AUSABLE RIVERFRONT**  
RUSTIC RIVERFRONT CEDAR HOME 152 feet on the famous AuSable River with .81 acres very close to snowmobile trails. 3 bedroom, 1 bath offers 1,100 square feet of quality living space. Open floor plan with vaulted ceilings and fireplace. Home comes completely furnished and is move in condition. Private setting on dead end road. CS-2641 \$168,000



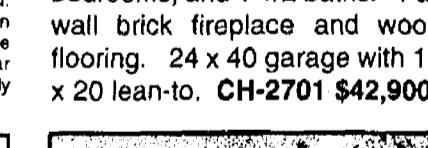
**RECREATIONAL ENTHUSIAST** 3 to 4 bedrooms with 2 baths. Knotty Pine tongue and groove. Security system. Detached 26x30 finished heated garage with 3 garage doors for easy in and out for snowmobiles. Home is furnished. Snowmobiles out your door to state land and Blue Bear Trails. Secluded setting on 10 1/4 acres adjoining State Land to the east. CS-2646 \$149,000



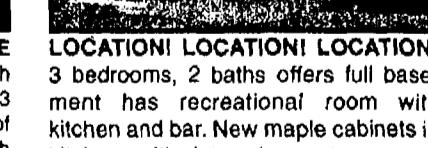
**5 ACRES WITHIN ONE MILE OF THE AUSABLE RIVER** Close to state land. Great cabin, starter or retirement home located close to prime fishing waters. 1,000 s.f. home featuring two bedrooms, one bath and partial basement. Recent updates include: roof, kitchen, siding, windows, laminate flooring, septic and drain field. Attached garage, enclosed breezeway, screen porch and circle drive. Close to AuSable River, trails, and state land. CH-2686 \$69,000



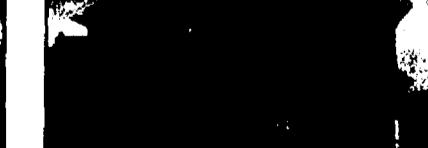
**RANCH HOME LOCATED ON BLACKTOP ROAD** close to the high school. 1,344 s.f., three bedrooms, and 1 1/2 baths. Full wall brick fireplace and wood flooring. 24 x 40 garage with 10 x 20 lean-to. CH-2701 \$42,900



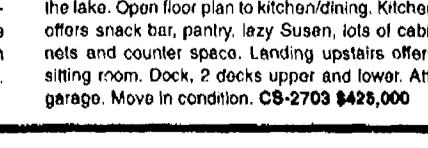
**LOCATION! LOCATION! LOCATION!** 3 bedrooms, 2 baths offers full basement has recreational room with kitchen and bar. New maple cabinets in kitchen with lots of counter space. Appliances included. Fireplace with stone surround. Double lot close to town on paved road. Move in condition. CS-2683 \$119,500



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**NAUTICALY NICE!** DESIGNED FOR ENTERTAINING...family and friends will delight in this lakefront home offering 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, bonus room, and sitting area. Exceptional views of the lake. Open floor plan to front dining. Kitchen offers snack bar, pantry, lazy Susan, lots of cabinet and counter space. Upstairs offers sitting room. Deck, 2 decks upper and lower. Attic garage. Move in condition. CS-2703 \$425,000



**Office Hours:**  
Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sat. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Sun. By Appt. Only  
[www.remax-grayling-mi.com](http://www.remax-grayling-mi.com)

**2. For Rent****SENIOR APARTMENTS**

**AVAILABLE** at The Brook Retirement Communities. Offering Independent and Assisted Living. Lots of amenities, activities, beautiful surroundings and affordable living. Communities located in: Houghton Lake (989) 422-7200 Roscommon (989) 275-4000, West Branch (989) 343-1400, Gladwin (989) 426-8700. Call or stop by today for a personalized tour. (5/10/2007tf/2)

**NICE CLEAN 2 BEDROOM**

House in St. Helen. Natural gas, nice yard, no pets. \$450 a month, \$450 security. Call 989-275-8499 or 989-915-2002. (-26-3/2)

**SMALL 1 BEDROOM**

Furnished home in Grayling. \$380 per month includes water and cable. Security deposit required, call 989-390-5249. (-3/2)

**BEAUTIFUL**

Furnished luxury apartment in downtown Grayling on the AuSable River. 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, W/D, open kitchen/living room design. Approx. 1400 sq. ft. Includes water, all lawn maintenance and snowplowing. \$1000/month. (989) 370-3125. (-26-3/2)

**RIVER FOREST FAMILY**

**APARTMENTS** Hannah & Ballenger Street in Roscommon has one bedroom upstairs unit available. Rent based on income, minimum \$415. Laundry and play areas on site. Applications at office or call 1-800-225-7982. Managed by Stratford Group Ltd., 442 W. Baldwin, Alpena, MI. Equal housing opportunity. TDD# 1-800-855-1155. (-3-10/2)

**RIVERVIEW SENIOR APTS.**

306 Knight St. in Grayling, one bedroom unit available. Rent based on income, minimum \$455 includes heat. Community room and laundry area for residents use. Applications at office on site or by calling 348-5837 or 1-800-225-7982. Managed by Stratford Group Ltd., 442 W. Baldwin, Alpena, MI 49707. Equal housing opportunity. TDD # 1-800-855-1155. (-3-10/2)

**Brand new 3 BR, 2 bath town home**

This is a 2 story row house with single attached garage, 5 appliances included. Rent includes condo fee which covers snow removal and external maintenance. Tenant is to pay utilities. Available immediately. \$1350.00 (Monthly) Deposit: \$1350.00.

Available Now

[andrew.samantha998@gmail.com](mailto:andrew.samantha998@gmail.com)

**2. For Rent****FOR RENT**

1 bedroom cozy home, wooded setting. \$425 a month, near Kirtland Community College, 989-275-1426. (-19-26-3/2)

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**MAINTENANCE PERSON**

**WANTED** The Grayling Housing Commission is accepting applications for a part time maintenance person.

Applications can be picked up at 308 Lawndale, Grayling, and returned by July 14, 2008. (-3-10/3)

**THE DEVEREAUX MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

201 plum st., Grayling, MI 49738 has an opening for a custodian / maintenance position. Duties to include maintaining a clean and safe facility and performing repairs and assembly when required. Position offers 15-20 hours a week. A complete job description is available at the circulation desk at the Library between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. (-3-10/3)

**APPLIANCE ASSEMBLY**

**NOW HIRING** We need 15 people ASAP to help with the summer rush! If you are looking for full time hours or more.

Permanent, paid vacations, nice bonuses, quick advancement.

Earning Potential of \$400-\$725. Call us immediately, we need help in all departments. 989-732-8439, Monday & Tuesday. (-3-10/3)

**NURSING ASSISTANTS**

We offer 12 hour shifts. You will have more time to enjoy summer and spend less gas money coming to work. Consider the option then come talk to us. Only those committed to quality care need apply. Grayling Nursing and Rehab, 331 Meadows Dr., Grayling, MI. (-3-10/3)

**4. Services Offered****PORTABLE TOILETS**

**For Rent**

**Day, Week or Month**

**Jack Millikin, INC**

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(26-3/4)

**3. Employment****JOB POSTING**

JUNE 26, 2008

RE: Position Available (Full Time)

Crawford Emergency Central Dispatch

POSITION: 911 Emergency Telecommunicator

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

• High School diploma or equivalent GED certificate

• Must be able to handle multi tasks

• Basic reading, writing, computer skills, typing (30 WPM)

• Emergency Services experience desirable

• Must be willing to work all shifts, weekends, and holidays

**SALARY:**

Union negotiated current starting salary based on 80 hour pay period is \$22,838 (\$10.98 per hour). Excellent benefit package.

**APPLICATIONS AND JOB DESCRIPTION AVAILABLE AT THE**

**CENTRAL DISPATCH OFFICE, 202 W. MICHIGAN AVE. (Courthouse Annex Building) MONDAY THRU FRIDAY 8:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M.**

Applications for this position will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. Friday, July 11, 2008

Crawford County is an Affirmative Action

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**2. For Rent****3. Employment****4. Services Offered****PART TIME OFFICE****ADMINISTRATOR**

Bookkeeper. General bookkeeping & accounting. Pay bills, enter P.O.s, run Quickbooks, use Excel, learn retail management system and answer sales calls. Send resume to HR Manager, 6795 M-93, Grayling, MI 49738. Deadline July 7. (-3/3)

**EXPERIENCED TREE TRIMMER**

Must have driver's license. Please call 989-344-9197, after 6 p.m. 832-217-8122 ask for Louie. (-3-10/3)

**FOREST DUNES GOLF CLUB**

Is currently seeking

**For Sale**

**FOR SALE** Used refrigerator and dishwasher, bilco door. Make offer. (989)370-3125. (-26-3/5)

**WAKELEY'S FIREWOOD** seasoned oak, cut, split & delivered \$55 a cord. Minimum 2 cord. 989-275-4574. (-26-3/5)

**MARTY'S FIREWOOD** Oak, cut, split and delivered, \$55/face cord, 989-390-3930. (-19-26-3-10/5)

**1984 SYLVAN** 16.5 ft. Super Snapper with 1996 30hp long-shaft Johnson tiller, electric start, extra prop and gas tank, bunk style trailer w/guide posts. \$2,500 OBO. 989-348-2495. (4/24/08tf/5)

**REMINGTON WOODMASTER** Semi-Auto. 30.06 with Tasco 9 x 32 scope with case, \$500 firm. Excellent condition. 989-370-2495. (-3/5)

**24 FT. HARRIS** Float-boat trailer, 50 hp Evinrude, twin tanks, new battery, Bimini top, life jackets, boarding ladder and throw ring. \$1,600, call 989-348-1340. (-3-10/5)

**31 FT. 1998 PROWLER** trailer with large slide out. A-1 condition, only on road for delivery. Owners are older couple, no children. Many extras, original price \$25,000. On site at Higgins Lake KOA. Inquire through owner 586-954-3499, or cell 586-321-3423, \$7,500. (-3-10/5)

**FOR SALE** 16 cu. ft. GE refrigerator, \$40, runs great. 348-7594. (-3-10/5)

**NEW** Plus size lambskin leather coat. Great condition. Sarah 348-2223. (sgf-3-10/5)

**For Sale**

**LISTEN UP** All plus size women. Selling a bag full of Lane Bryant clothes. Call Sarah 348-2223. (sgf-3-10/5)

**LONG OAK DRESSER** 7 drawers, great condition. Sarah 348-2223. (sgf-3-10/5)

**FOR SALE** Lear topper for newer Ford Super Cab, \$750; running boards for Ford, \$150 OBO; old wood piano, make offer. 348-5366. (-3/5)

**U.S. MADE TUFFSTUFF** exercise gym with mats, \$300; 12" 100 watt speakers with stands and storage drawers, \$250; hunting bow, Oneida Aero-Force X80, right hand draw, length medium, 45 to 70 lbs., \$250. 989-348-2397. (-3/5)

**6. Wanted**

**WANTED-SCRAP VEHICLES** SMR is paying up to \$1,000 delivered. Also pick up available. Call for details 9-5. 888-471-3818. (4/3/08tf/6)

**WANTED TO BUY** Rittenhouse or Habitant cottage furniture. 248-851-7585. (03/2/06tf/6)

**WARREN FOREST PRODUCTS** We buy standing timber and sell firewood by the loggers cord. Call 989-348-7133 during the day and leave a message. Evenings call 231-229-4845, ask for Chan. (LR8/28/08/6)

**WANTED DEAD OR ALIVE** Paying cash for cars and trucks. Quick pick up. 989-786-3932. (-112-19-26-3-10/6)

**Buying Gold**

Jewelry, Silver and Coins  
Immediate Payment  
Gold Rush Jewelers  
828 W. Houghton Lake Drive  
Prudenville (989)366-7939

**Wanted**

**BUYING JUNK VEHICLES** Price varies with size but will pay the most. Call Don at 231-587-0856 or 888-468-7313. (10/11/07tf/6)

**WOW GABBY'S** is now paying \$300 for your junk vehicle. I pick up. \$350 delivered to us. Will meet or beat competitors. Call 231-587-1464 or 877-4-SCRAP-0. (-12-19-26-3-6)

**GENTLY USED BOOKS** for the Crawford County Library book sale, July 24 & 25. Please drop off at the library during regular hours. Call 348-9214 if any questions. (-26-3-10-17-246)

**HAY FOR MULCH** Need lots. John 344-0872. ((3/6)

**Announcements**

**ESTATE AUCTION** July 5, 10 a.m., Mio. Furniture; art; antiques; collectibles; postcards; paper goods; military; political; Indian; southwest; sportsman; swords; bayonets; guns; bulldozer; forklift & more! View online or call. Lets Talk Auction! 989-8-4-8-5-1-5-8, www.LetsTalkAuction.com. (-3/8)

**PARKING LOT AUCTION** Sunday, July 6, 10 a.m., Mio. Sellers: turn unneeded items into cash at our annual parking lot auction! Buyers: make plans now! One of our more exciting auctions you'll attend! Trash to treasures! Anything's possible. View web site for details or call. Lets Talk Auction Company 989-8-4-8-5-1-5-8, www.LetsTalkAuction.com. (-3/8)

**MIP and anger management programs.** GRACE Center, Grayling. 989-348-2544. (10/11/07tf/8)

**7. Miscellaneous**

**LOST 2 CATS** 6/14 Taken from Livonia by grandmother of 7 year old Sara K. from Grayling on 6/14. Would any family member or friend please call. We want Cody (8), blk/wht long hair and Hunter (2) orange, back at home in Livonia. Reward. 734-425-7444 or 734-765-5233. (-3-10/7)

**LOST KITTEN** 3 months old. Last seen Thursday, June 26, in the 314 Fulton St. area. Very sadly missed. Reward if returned. 390-1057. (-3/7)

**8. Announcements****Screen Printing & Embroidery**

T-Shirts, Sweatshirts, Jackets, Hats, Event & Corporate Apparel, Signs & Banners  
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Sportswear  
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1-989-348-3627 ~ 1-800-848-1268  
www.SledheadsUSA.com

**8. Announcements****CANOE TRIPS \$10/PERSON**

Rays Canoe Livery Says, thank you Grayling! Canoe trips \$10 per person. Louies Landing to Wakeley Bridge (approx 3 hours). Monday, July 7, thru Wednesday, July 9, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily. Mention this ad for the discount. Please no alcohol or glass containers. (-3/8)

**8. Announcements**

**PHLEBOTOMY EDUCATION** Teaching the art of professional blood collecting. Gaylord, August 18 - 21, evening classes. \$995, 313-382-3857. (LR08/14/08/8)

**USE YOUR GOVERNMENT REBATE** wisely. Lock in your propane price for next year. Price protection plans are now available. Call Fick & Sons at 348-7647. (-5-12-19-26-3-8)

**EARLY****DEADLINES!!!**

The Crawford County Avalanche will be closed Friday, July 4th, in observance of Independence Day and will reopen at 9 am, Monday, July 7th.

Early deadlines will apply for the July 10th issue:

**Display Ads...**

Thurs., July 3rd • 5 pm

**Letters to the Editor...**

Mon., July 7th • noon

**Classified Display...**

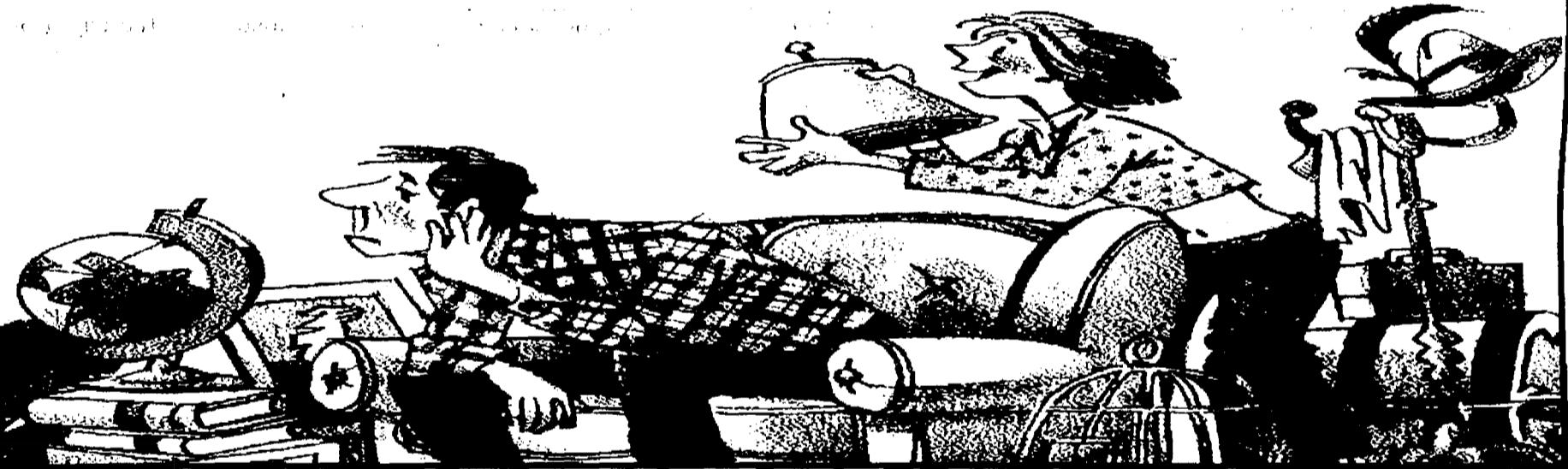
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**Classified Word...**

Tues., July 8th • noon

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\$6.00	\$6.10	\$6.20	\$6.30	\$6.40	\$6.50	\$6.60
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CLASSIFIEDS MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE BY TUESDAY NOON

10. **Announcements**

**AYERS FOR PROSECUTOR**  
at [www.ayers4prosecutor.com](http://www.ayers4prosecutor.com).  
Paid for by the committee to elect  
Everette E. Ayers for Prosecutor,  
1203 Trails End Rd. (-26-3-10-  
17-24/8)

**KALKASKA CETA HALL CR**  
612, craft show, Aug. 16th.  
Spaces \$25, crafters needed.  
Contact Marge Bagnell 231-587-  
8893. (-3-10-17/8)

**JULY SPECIAL** \$40 one color  
foil, free hair cut with perm (\$12  
value), \$5 off any other color. See  
Michelle, Chelsea and Debbie for  
these specials. Call 348-7890. (-  
3-10-17-24-31/8)

**THIS, THAT & MORE**  
**STORE** Come check it out. 234  
E. Michigan Ave., downtown  
Grayling. (-3-24/8)

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family. Private, expenses paid.  
Laura Shawn, toll free 1-888-  
523-0977. (-3-10-17-24/9)

**ADOPT** Loving, financially  
secure married couple hoping to  
adopt newborn. Please call Brian  
& Jaimie, 877-610-1802. (-3-10-  
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**GARAGE SALE** Thursday 3rd,  
Friday 4th, Saturday 5th. 607  
Lake St., 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. (-3/10)

9. **Personals**

**YARD SALE** Friday and  
Saturday, July 4th and 5th. 8551  
Lovells Road, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Exercise bike, antique looking  
mirror 60 x 40, lamps, pictures,  
quilts. Lots of great buys. (-3/10)

9. **Personals**

My oh my, my baby  
won't wait,  
Our Bailey Lynn is  
turning eight!  
Happy Birthday Bailey!  
  
Love,  
Grandma & Grandpa  
Millikin

In Loving Memory of  
Ralph Helsel • 1927-1988 •

God saw you getting tired,  
When a cure was not to be,  
He closed his arms around  
you and whispered,  
Come to me.  
In tears we say you sinking,  
We watched you fade away,  
Our hearts were almost broken,  
You fought so hard to stay,  
But when we saw you sleeping,  
so peacefully, free from pain,  
We could not wish you back  
to suffer so.

With Love From~  
The Helsel Family

10. **Garage Sale**

**RUMMAGE SALE** Wed., July  
9, at Senior Center, 308  
Lawndale. 11:30 a.m. to 5:30  
p.m. Computers and office furniture. (-3/10)

**GARAGE SALE** July 5th, 9  
a.m. - 5 p.m. carpenter tools, nailers,  
12" radial arm saw 220V,  
compressor, 30-30 rifle, coolers,  
lots of stuff. 4048 Pine Crest. (-  
26-3/10)

**GARAGE SALE** 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.,  
July 2, 3, & 5. Take 72 East to  
Wakeley Bridge Rd., turn left,  
then go 1/8 mile to Ginger Quill,  
make left, 1747 Ginger Quill.  
Trailer, snowmobile, furniture,  
dressers, baby items & lots more.  
(-3/10)

**MOVING / YARD SALE** 3731  
Feldhauser Rd., Frederic. Friday,  
Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m. - 6  
p.m. (-3/10)

**HUGE SALE 3 FAMILIES**  
Dishes, antiques, holiday decorations,  
clothes, books, lamps, twin  
size bed and all kinds of  
collectibles. Crayola, McDonalds,  
Beanies, Coke, Boyd Bears and  
Cabbage Patch. Lots for everyone.  
July 3-6 from 9 a.m. til 5  
p.m. 7 miles east of Grayling on  
M-72 to Stephan Bridge Rd. then  
turn south, 3/4 mile to 2772  
Stephan Bridge Rd. (-3/10)

**GARAGE SALE** 4th, 5th, 6th.  
9700 Elizabeth St., M-72 W to  
Eagle Point, follow signs. 9 a.m.  
- 4 p.m. Come see what we have!  
(-3/10)

**GARAGE SALE** July 3rd & 4th,  
9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Antiques, fern  
stand, oak book case, child's oak  
chair, large crock jugs, two exten-  
sion ladders, women's clothes  
size 14 to 3x and much more. 317  
Red Tailed Hawk Loop. (-3/10)

**3 FAMILY SALE** 1301 N.  
Down River Rd., July 4-6th.  
Ladies scrubs, generator, baby  
items, hot wheels, white vinyl  
siding, Christmas items, reg. &  
queen size air mattress. (-3/10)

**GOOD SALE** including books,  
construction tools, household  
items, lots of great stuff. 11682  
Marber Dr., off Higgins Lake  
Road. July 4 & 5, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
(-3/10)

**YARD SALE & RAFFLE**  
Saturday, July 5. 8190 South Old  
27, south of Moose Lodge, 9 a.m.  
- 7 p.m. (-3/10)

**GARAGE SALE** 72 east to  
McMasters Bridge to Arrow  
Drive. Friday, Saturday and  
Sunday. Look for signs.  
Antiques, jewelry, ladies clothes  
(some new), tools, washing  
machine, sewing machine, ladies'  
bike, graphite fly rod, yard furniture  
and household items. (-3/10)

**FRIDAY AND SATURDAY**  
July 4-5. Corner of East M-72 &  
Fulton. (-3/10)

**BIG SALE** July 3, 4, 5. 124  
Isenhauer, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Antique  
desk, dorm refrigerator, wicker  
chair, weight machine, porch  
chair. Lots of old, unusual, different  
stuff. (-3/10)

**10449 BLACK BEAR RD N.E.**  
July 3-4, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., July 5, 8  
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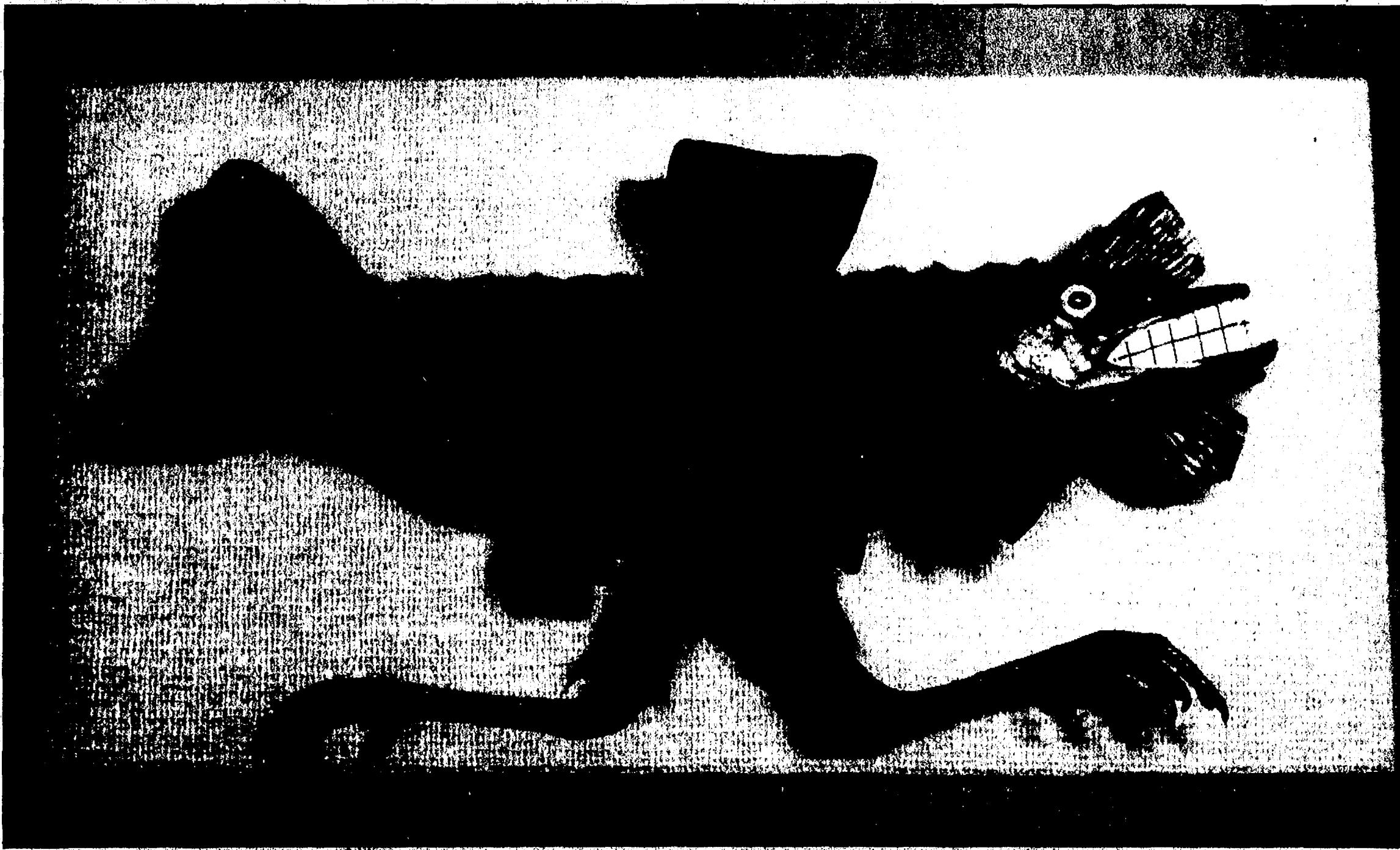
# Historical Keepsake Edition

*A brief look at the history of Crawford County*

## SPIKE'S "KEG O'NAILS", a Grayling fixture since 1933



After the first fire, Harold "Spike" MacNeven immediately rebuilt Spike's "Keg O' Nails." Above, construction crews work on the new bar and eatery.



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The Crawford County Avalanche would like to thank The Crawford County Historical Museum, the owner of Spike's "Keg O' Nails" and Fay Bovee for their cooperation with Avalanche staff on this special section.

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## Spike's "Keg O' Nails" - a Grayling fixture since 1933

The love of family, friends, sportsmanship and community, that has been carried on at Spike's "Keg O' Nails," was grounded in the namesake founder of the landmark Grayling tavern and restaurant.

The owners and patrons at Spike's "Keg O' Nails" marked its 75th anniversary and celebration of enjoying burgers and cold brews on May 29, 2008.

Harold "Spike" MacNeven was born in Grayling on Sept. 8, 1904. He was the son of Ruby and William MacNeven, a railroad conductor who worked in Lewiston and East Jordan before the family settled in Grayling.

MacNeven earned the nickname "Spike" from his neighbor Louis Burton, who used to pull him on a sled on a hill near the family's Ionia Street home overlooking the AuSable River when he was a toddler.

"Somehow, he started calling me Spike and everybody in my neighborhood, except my mother and my dad, called me Spike," MacNeven said in a video produced by former Crawford County Library director Rose Gleason, in 1993, that marked the 60th anniversary of Spike's "Keg O' Nails." "I carried that nickname through thick and thin across the United States."

During his childhood and school days, MacNeven continued with the family's love of music. He played trumpet in a group called Pat's Orchestra, which would travel by train to play in Gaylord and Vanderbilt for a couple of bucks

before boarding the train to be back in Grayling by midnight. He was also actively involved in his church, and Father John Riess, the first pastor of St. Mary's Church and president and manager of Mercy Hospital Grayling after it was built, was a friend who looked out for Spike and his family.

It was an annual tradition to skip school on April Fool's day to go skinny dipping in the headwaters of the AuSable River, located before Grayling's AuSable River City Park.

"It didn't make any difference if we got expelled forever, on April 1, even if there was ice, we went to the swimming hole," he said.

MacNeven worked delivering groceries, baked goods, and prescriptions as a youngster, and also worked on the railroad.

MacNeven was following in the footsteps of his father-in-law, Nels Peter Olson, who operated Olson's Livery Stable and Salon, when he started Spike's "Keg O' Nails."

MacNeven opened Spike's "Keg O' Nails" for business the day after Prohibition ended on May 29, 1933, and it was initially called Spike's Beer Garden. A horse livery stable and a warehouse, where steel for the Salling and Hanson lumbering camps was stored, operated on the site.

MacNeven did not care for the name "Spike's Beer Garden," and turned to the community to find a more suitable moniker for the downtown business.

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Harold "Spike" MacNeven stands next to an evolution of the many signs that have represented Spike's "Keg O' Nails."

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"Ruby didn't pay too much attention, because she couldn't control me in the first place," MacNeven said.

MacNeven held a contest to find the best name for the tavern, placing an ad in the *Crawford County Avalanche* to gain input from the community.

The winning entry "Keg O' Nails" was submitted by Grayling resident Laura (Welch) Smith, and reflected the area's lumber and timber heritage. MacNeven said he believed the name was also tied to the fact that he worked at Hanson's Hardware during the time he opened the tavern.

"She got the five dollars and I got Spike's Keg O' Nails," he said.

MacNeven and his friend Clarence "Johnny" Johnson purchased a 12-gauge cannon to conduct their own version of a 21-gun salute to mark the grand opening of Spike's "Keg O' Nails" and to encourage people to come down for comradeship and dancing.

"We were packed, so they all went home and got folding chairs and card tables and set them up where they could," MacNeven said.

MacNeven started a Grayling folklore legend about a fish called the "Prairie Pike," in conjunction with the opening of Spike's "Keg O' Nails."

As the legend goes, the Prairie Pike lived in the Manistee River and would feed on the spawn of rainbow trout. The Prairie Pike, which had

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Two of the barmaids at the original Spike's "Keg O' Nails", working behind the bar.

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fur, a bird's legs and human teeth, was able to swim in deep portions of the river and walk on land to avoid cunning fishermen. A fishermen named Jim Wilson, also known as Rattlesnake Jim since rattlesnakes would hibernate in the sand of his cabin during the winter, worked day and night to catch the Prairie Pike. Rattlesnake Jim used a bag of rain-

bow spawn to finally snare the Prairie Pike in a trap. He was able to keep the fish alive for four days, then brought it in to Spike's "Keg O' Nails" and plopped it down on the bar.

MacNeven had Sailor Bill Huddleston, the owner of Sailor's Fly Factory and Boat Livery, a predecessor of Ray's Canoe Livery and the Fly Factory, mount the Prairie Pike

and place it in a glass enclosure.

As the legend of the Prairie Pike grew, Spike was often asked to stop what he was doing while tending the bar to recount the full story.

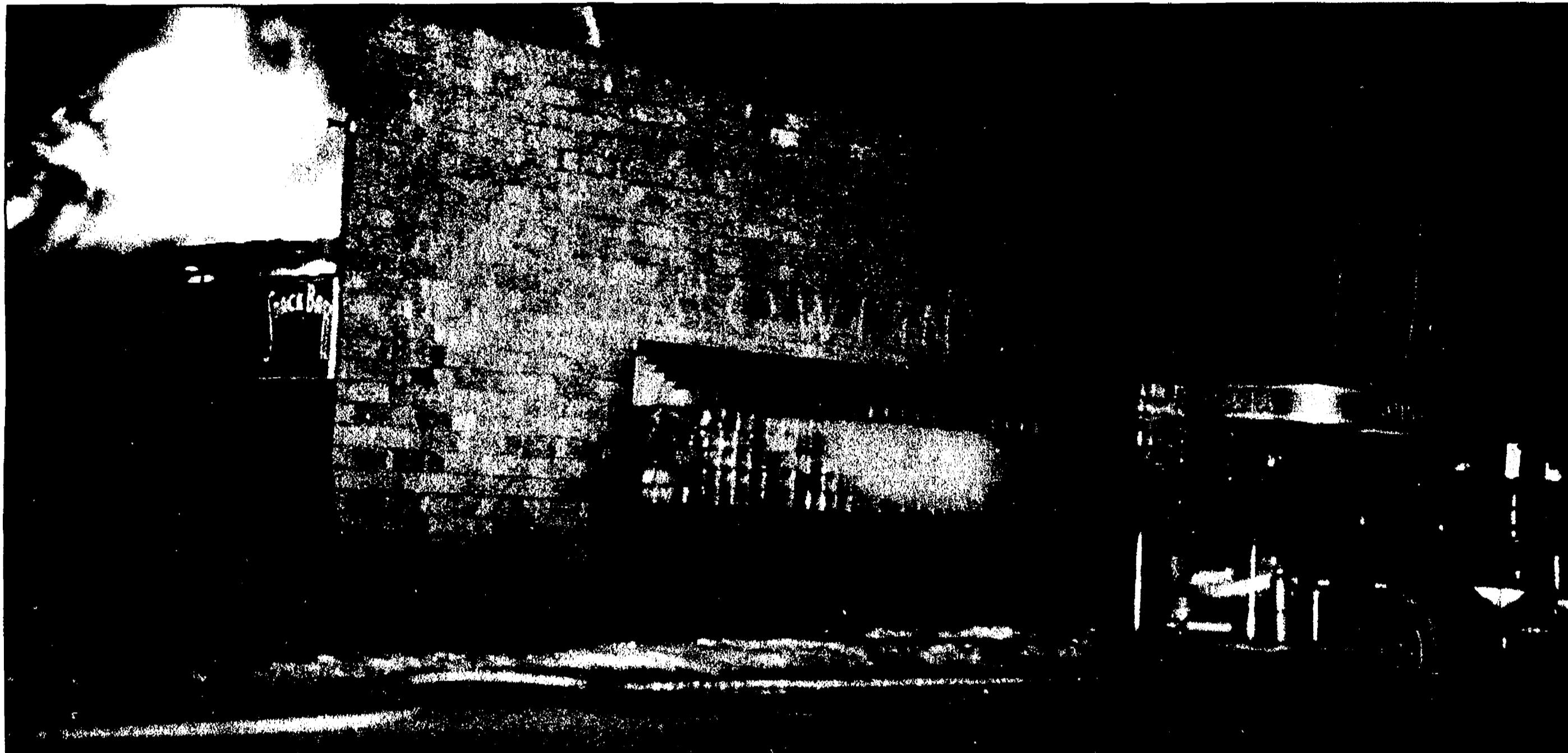
"I had women turn around and hit their husbands and say, I thought it was nothing but a damn lie," MacNeven said.

MacNeven once took the Prairie Pike to Mac's Drug Store and had one

of its teeth painted gold. He did this as a prank aimed at John Bruun, a Salling and Hanson bookkeeper and president of the Grayling State Savings Bank, who would often have republican party meetings at Spike's "Keg O' Nails."

"I never cracked a smile when I told that story, and I told them that the day Roosevelt took the country

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Spike's "Keg O' Nails" has occupied the same location since 1933. After the original building burned to the ground, Spike immediately rebuilt a new tavern with an attached bowling alley. That building also burned down and was replaced with the existing structure. Above, the second version of Spike's "Keg O' Nails" burns as firefighters fight the blaze.



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off of the gold standard, that tooth turned to gold, which showed the strength of the Democrats over the Republicans," MacNeven said.

During the first decades of business, Detroit Tiger's Birdie Tebbets, "Dizzie" Trout, Pete Fox and "JoJo" White worked in the tavern during the off season. World famous boxers, "Kid" McCoy and Jack Dempsey, were friends of Spike. Dempsey visited Grayling, addressing a local civic club and visiting children.

MacNeven also befriended Jack Adams, a general manager for the Detroit Red Wings. While Spike and Ruby were visiting Sault Ste. Marie, where the Red Wings were holding their preseason training, Spike invited the entire team to a dinner at Uncle Pete's Restaurant, which was owned by Pete Lovely and located across the road from Spike's "Keg O' Nails," on their way through Grayling back to Detroit.

"I had one partridge for every Red Wing that sat down to eat, and Uncle Pete cooked it," he said.

Thank you letters from the Red Wings, including legend Gordie Howe, were destroyed along with the Prairie Pike in a fire that burned the original tavern and restaurant to the ground in 1948.

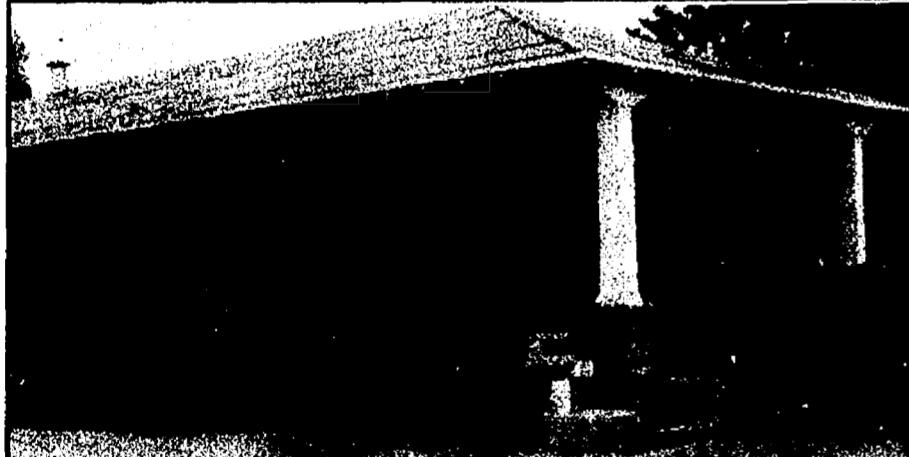
Marty Gill, the husband of MacNeven's granddaughter, Janet Gill, said Spike's "Keg O' Nails" served as a mold for modern day sports bars.

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Spike, and famed boxer Jack Dempsey, spar in June of 1939 in Grayling.

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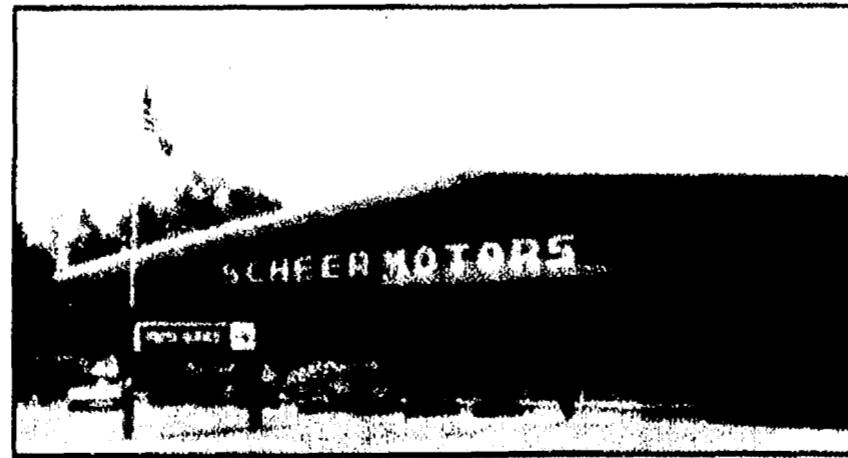
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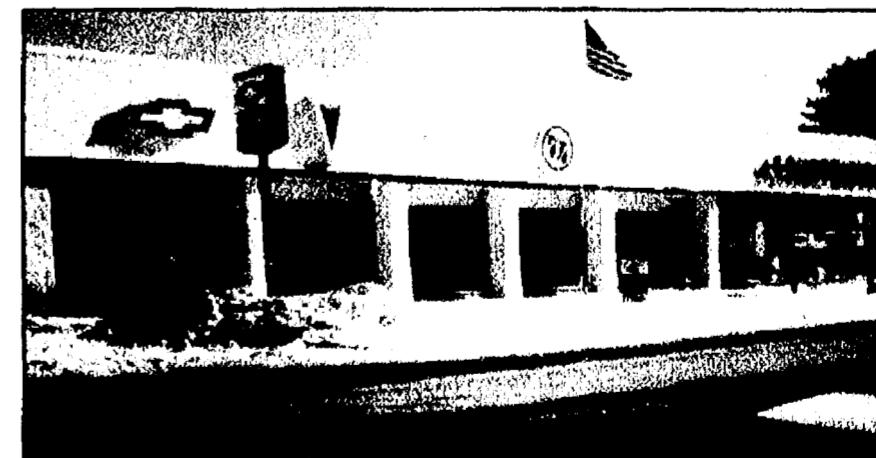
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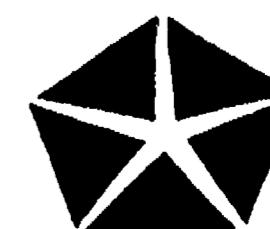
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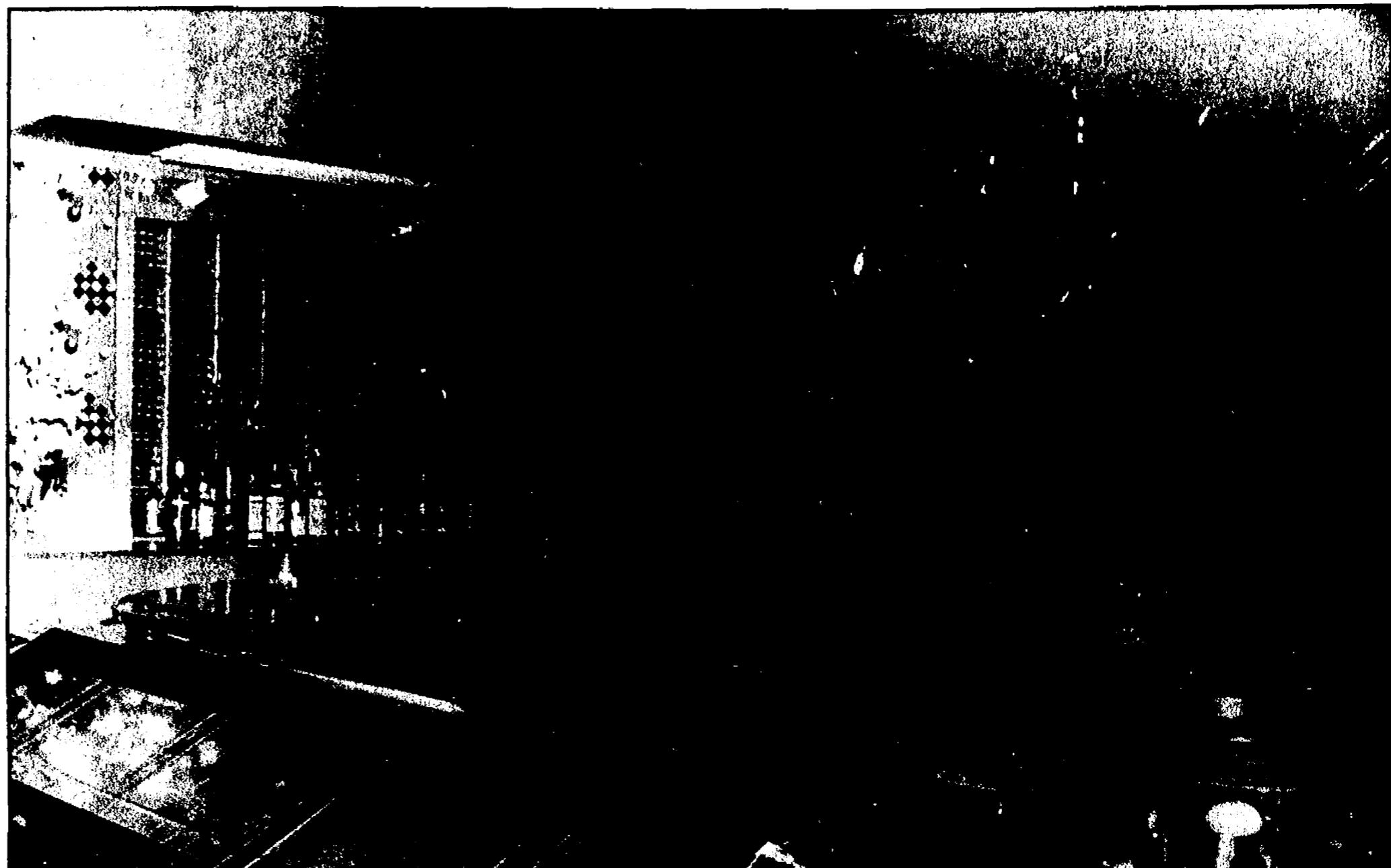
"He was ahead of his time," Gill said.

Even before Spike's "Keg O' Nails" opened, MacNeven was actively promoting Grayling. In 1932, he and other local business owners held a "Canoe Carnival" in August and had the town dressed up by Bay City decorator, Jack Davis. The weekend concluded with a 50 mile canoe ride down the AuSable River. With the help of the *Bay City Times*, 105 people showed up for the free event. Each river guide that furnished a boat for the ride was paid \$1 and every boat in the county was used, even row boats. The event helped establish Grayling's canoeing reputation.

Spike was also instrumental in developing the famous toboggan runs at the Grayling Winter Sports Park - now Hanson Hills. Six runs were constructed, which brought downstate adventurers to the area via the snow trains. As many as seven trains per weekend arrived. The participants were transported from the trains to the park via open trucks, so they could see the huge ice sculptures and the throne constructed for the carnival queen as they arrived.

MacNeven was among a group of men, that included Abe Joseph, Alfred Hanson, Clarence "Johnny" Johnson and Charlie McNamara, that were instrumental in getting the Winter Sports Park started. MacNeven said that was one of the best committees that any community could ever have.

"What we wanted done, got done,



Spike modernized the bar in its second incarnation. Above is a photo of the bar's second interior.

or else," he said.

Asked if had any advice for youth, Spike replied, "Live your own life."

MacNeven said the only regret he had was not following the advice of Detroit Tiger Hank Greenberg, who advised him and other Tigers to invest \$100 per month in the Pepsi Cola Co.

"Jesus, I would have had two boats instead of one," he said.

MacNeven said that he would buy

10 poinsettias and Easter lilies each year for the holidays, and would give them to women in the community to help cheer up their homes. He said that the kind deed was often returned with cakes, cookies, breads and other baked goods.

"My belief is that it is better to give than to receive and that has certainly paid off," he said.

Gill recalled Spike as a prankster, but said that his giving went way

beyond holiday traditions.

"He was a generous and loving man, not only to his grandchildren and children, but to other people in the community," Gill said. "He helped a lot of people in the community that a lot of people probably don't even know about."

Gill also recounted memorabilia, such as pencils that looked like spikes and match books with the

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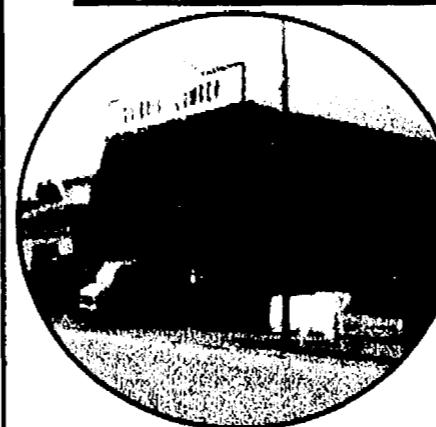
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Detroit Tiger's schedule, that were used to promote Spike's "Keg O' Nails." There were also the "Spike" mile markers that regulars took throughout the United States, had their picture taken with and listed then the number of miles to Spike's "Keg O' Nails" in Grayling.

"Grayling could use another Spike, I'll tell you that," Gill said. "He always wanted to make that town something special."

MacNeven sold the business in 1958. He died while snowbirding in Mesa, Ariz., on Jan. 14, 1996.

There have only been four subsequent owners, Herb and Mary Holmes (1958-1967), Lon and Margaret Qualls (1967-1980), Kathy Bourrie (1980-2005), and the current owners who form a joint partnership, Arron and Kelly Millikin and Jeremy and Darcie Bowers.

Memorabilia and mementoes that recount the history of Spike's "Keg O' Nails" and the community line the walls of the landmark business. Canoe paddles from Jeff Kolka and Serge Corbin, nine-time winners of the AuSable River Canoe Marathon, are on the wall as well.

Plaques, recounting beer chugging contests held during the 1970s and started by Camp Grayling military units, line the walls by the bar. Grayling resident Scott Hanson was among a group of men who downed 115 pitchers of beer. Hanson took part in the contest prior to shipping out to Michigan National Guard boot

camp.

"That was one of the wildest nights in Spike's - ever - and it was a lot of fun," Hanson said.

Snowmobilers, fly-fishermen and hunters come to Spike's "Keg O' Nails" during their respective seasons to enjoy the burgers, cold beer and comradery.

Kathy Bourrie served as a behind the scenes owner of Spike's, keeping the books for the business and relying on Paula Harwood and Nancy Hunt to handle day-to-day operations.

Bourrie recalled being able to sit in Spike's "Keg O' Nails" and hear what the business means to local residents and tourists.

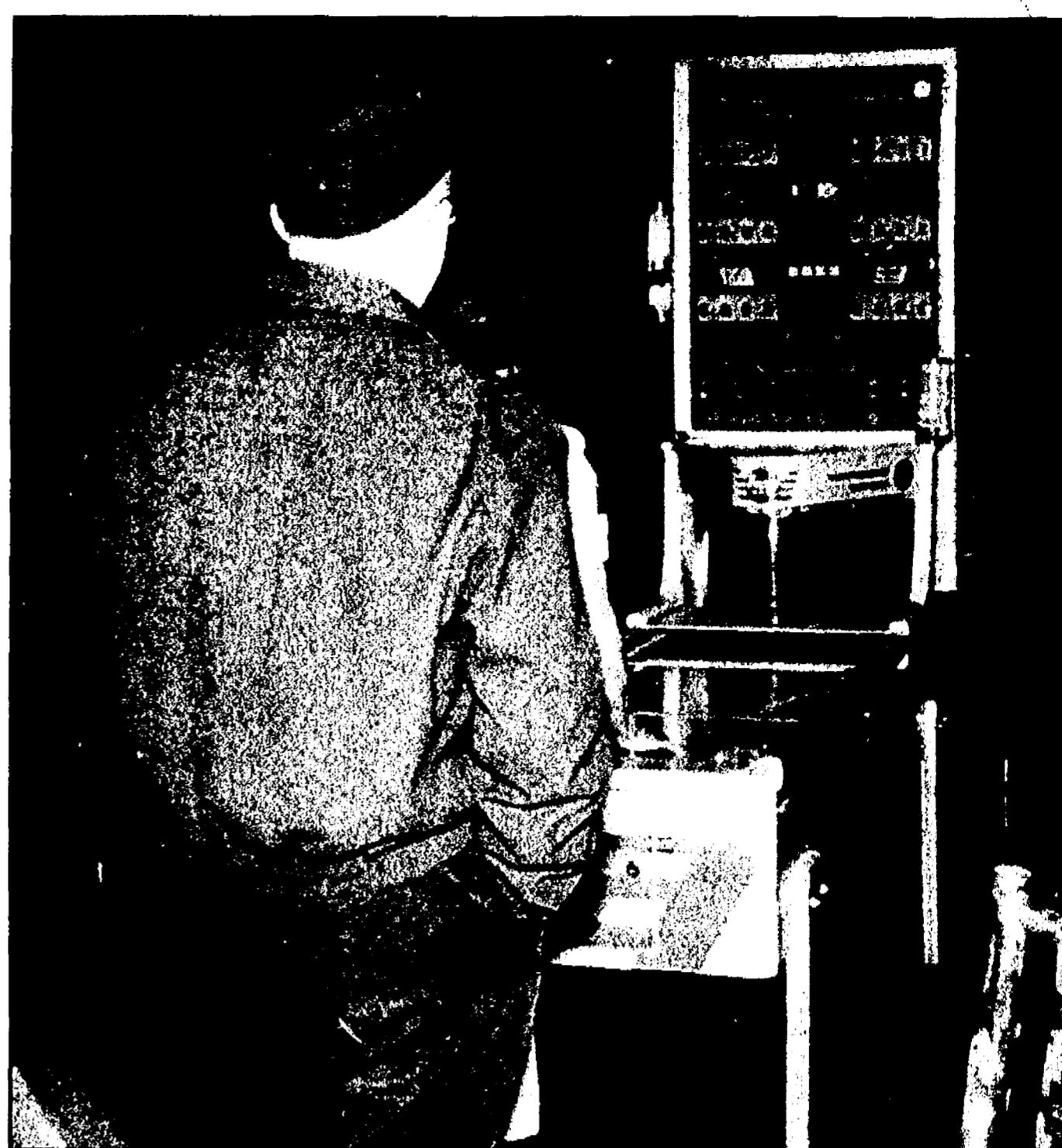
"It was kind of nice being there, being the owner and hearing what people had to say," Bourrie said. "I enjoyed owning the business, and being able to cater to the people's needs during the time I had it."

The business has been a longtime sponsor of the "Spike's Challenge Race," which was started in the 1980s and serves as a warm up race for the AuSable River Canoe Marathon.

"That's still going strong, and every year, it gets a little bigger," Bourrie said.

Bourrie sold Spike's "Keg O' Nails" to her nephew and niece, Jeremy Millikin and Darcie Bowers, to continue the family tradition of owning the business.

"I sold it to family to keep it ongoing," she said. "It's a business that has always been here in Grayling."



A Spike's "Keg O' Nails" patron looks on during some pinball action at the original tavern and restaurant.

More recently, more acclaim for Spike's "Keg O' Nails" was earned when Ashton Kutcher, who played Kelso on the Fox sitcom "That 70's Show," wore a Spike's "Keg O' Nails" shirt on the show.

Over the years, Spike's earned the motto, "The Meeting Place of the

North," as a regular stop for tourists visiting and passing through Grayling, soldiers training at Camp Grayling and for locals in the community.

"People stop here because of the history," Bowers said. "It has good service and it's a good place to eat."



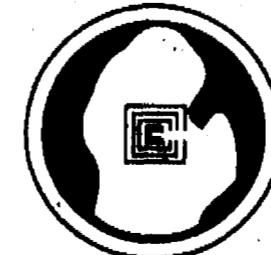
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# Hartwick Pines State Park

## Forty Years of History for the Friends of Hartwick Pines State Park

The Natural History Association was formed in 1968, by a group dedicated to the education of the logging history of Michigan and the natural history of the park. They gathered artifacts for the completion of the logging museum buildings. In 1988 the name changed to The Friends of Hartwick Pines, an all volunteer non profit organization which has grown to over 160 members in 2007. Their efforts, through fund raising, memberships, donations and bookstore profits have helped with the following over the many years.

**Restoration** of rutter sled, sprinkler sled, big wheels and steam engine.

**Purchased** animal mounts, bird mounts, snow shoes, ski trail groomer, lanterns for evening programs, bird feeding station, watering pond for feeding station, reference library for staff, period clothing for interpretive staff and old time base ball equipment.

**Sponsor** Woodshaving Days Festival, Black Iron Days Festival and Critters in the Moonlight Halloween walk. During the festivals, volunteers demonstrate the crafts of the logging era. Black Iron Days is the largest gathering of working blacksmiths in the State of Michigan.

They have also helped other state park Friends groups get started throughout the state with support and knowledge they have gained over the years.

**Going forward** into the future the Friends will continue to gather educational tools, maintaining restored equipment and support the Park with its needs to allow each visitor to enjoy nature and have a fun learning experience.

Membership is open to anyone who cares about the logging history of Michigan and the natural history of Hartwick Pines State Park. Volunteers are always welcomed and needed for various activities.

For more information on the Friends of Hartwick Pines, to volunteer or membership application please call 989-348-6924.

located off of I-75, Exit 259  
for events. Motor vehicle  
required to enter park.

Open 9 am - 10 pm  
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